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CANTON STRIKE THREATENED.

SEQUEL TO SHUTTING DOWN OF UNIONS.

WORKERS RESENT GOVERNMENT'S ACTION.

DENIAL OF COMMUNISM.

Chinese reports from Canton state that workers there are threatening a general strike because of the strong action which the Government is taking in the suppression of Labour Unions. No fewer than twenty-one Unions have been proscribed during the past few days, a circumstance which is being resented by the workers.

The proscribed Unions cover all manner of callings, but the workers say that several of them are not, as alleged, Communist in their tendencies. Officials of the Kwangtung Labourers' General Association, a "moderate" organisation which recently assisted in driving the Communists from Canton, are said to be surprised at the large number of Unions involved in the ban, and are asking that more leniency be shown in dealing with the Guilds.

Believing that the Chambers of Commerce have advised the Government to close the Unions, workers have gone so far as to suggest that the Chambers themselves should be proscribed.

SURPRISE IN "MODERATE" CIRCLES.

That the Labour Unions in Canton are threatening a general strike is stated in a report which reached Hongkong last night. This development is said to be due to the strong action taken by Li Chai-sum's Government against various labour organisations, which have apparently been resented by the workers.

It appears that within the past few days, no fewer than twenty-one Labour Guilds have been proscribed by the order of the Government. This has created considerable resentment amongst the labourers, according to whose statements many of these Unions are not Communist in tendency.

The plan of the Government in closing down these Labour Unions is that they are Communist or at least are suspected by the police of being so.

The Proscribed Unions.

The following is the list of proscribed Unions:—The Tobacco Labourers' Guild, Restaurant and Teahouse Employees' Guild, Chinese Smoking Outfit Makers' Association, Thread and String Labourers' Guild, Vegetable Labourers' Kwangtung Earthenware Labour Union, Fruit Labourers' Association, Tung Tak Labour Union (one of the biggest Unions in Canton formerly with its headquarters in Hongkong and consisting mostly of cargo workers), Luen Shing Labour Union, Kwangtung-Pawn Shop Employees' Association, Glass Makers' Association, Powder and Lipstick Labourers' Association, Trunk Labourers' Union, Haw Man Labour Union, Lai Chun Labour Union, Chinese River Boat Officers' Association, Sundry Good Workers' Association, Carpenters' Guild, Cooks' Union, Flower Labourers' Guild and the Coffin Labourers' Guild.

The shutting down of many of these Unions was expected, but officials of the Kwangtung Labourers' General Union, a moderate organisation, are surprised that such a large number of guilds has been involved. The Kwangtung Labourers' General Union, it

SHOOTING AFFRAY

ACCUSED COMMITTED TO SESSIONS.

PRISONER'S ADMISSIONS.

The preliminary proceedings at the Central Police Court in connection with the charges of armed robbery and of shooting at the police with intent to kill or evade arrest against Chu, Chi-chuen were concluded this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Accused was committed to stand his trial at the February Criminal Sessions. Amongst the witnesses called this morning was Detective Inspector Lane who handed in arms and ammunition picked up in the street in the line of the police chase subsequent to the commission of the armed robbery at the Wei Sun Coffee Shop at Queen's Road West. Amongst these arms was a five-barrelled gun taken from the defendant, and from which one round had been fired.

Inspector Lane also deposed that, called on the morning of the shooting affray between Sergeant McMahon's picket and the armed gang, to Wing Lok Street, he found the dead body of a man who was subsequently identified by folks from the coffee shop as one of the robbers.

Accused Identified.

At an identification parade held at Police Headquarters by the Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. L. H. V. Booth) accused was picked out from the 14th position by folks of the coffee-shop from a row of 19 men, who were of the same build and appearance and who were also similarly dressed.

This concluded the case for the prosecution, the Assistant Crown Solicitor (Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith) stating that he did not propose to call any more witnesses. He did not know whether the Court really required Sergeant McMahon, who had sufficiently recovered to be able to give evidence.

His Worship said that it was for Mr. Whyte-Smith to say whether Sergeant McMahon's evidence was necessary. The accused had not made any effort to deny the charges.

Mr. Whyte-Smith, however, did not think it necessary to call Sergeant McMahon, and the statements of the accused were then taken.

Accused Makes Statement.

After being duly cautioned, accused, in reply to the charge of armed robbery, stated that formerly he was in "legitimate business," but after having a casual talk with a man named Chan Yau he was handed a gun by the latter and made to accompany him to the coffee-shop. There they had a meal, and the cost, amounting to 80 cents had already been paid and he (accused) was going out of the shop when he was pulled back by Chan Yau. He (accused) then produced the gun and covered the inmates. They then opened the safe, took the money and bound up the folks. After the robbery, Chan Yau let him go first. Replying to his Worship, accused added that he was formerly a business man, who dealt in native medicine and also in clocks and watches.

Scene at Western Market.

With regard to the second charge of shooting at one of the Chinese constables of the picket with intent to kill him, accused, after being again cautioned, stated that when they reached the Western Market they encountered three or four policemen who demanded to search his person after telling him to put up his hands, which he did.

Three or four policemen threw their arms around him and took away his gun. It was Chan Yau who drew his gun and fought the police with it. His Worship: What answer is this to the charge against you? That is no answer at all. The charge is that you yourself fired a shot at the police with the intention of murdering him. What you have said so far has got nothing to do with it.

Accused: I was searched by three or four policemen, and my gun had already been taken from me.

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AMERICAN GIRL AND MAHARAJAH.

WAITING TO GET MARRIED IN CEYLON.

GIRL'S AUNT INDIGNANT.

Colombo, Jan. 11. The ex-Maharajah of Indore is staying at the Hotel Nuwara Chirya, and an American girl, Miss Nancy Miller, is also staying there. The ex-Maharajah has said that he is ill and refuses to be interviewed, but it has been ascertained that the couple are awaiting the permission of the Indian Government authorities to get married. The ex-Maharajah has been communicating with the Hindu Missionary Society with regard to Miss Nancy Miller's conversion to the Hindu faith.—*Reuter*.

Romance A Leading Topic.

New York, Jan. 11. The romantic elopement of Miss Nancy Miller with the ex-Maharajah of Indore forms the leading topic in to-day's newspapers, which are by no means of means roused to enthusiasm. Mrs. Caulfield, Miss Miller's aunt, who has been interviewed, was most indignant at the girl's intention to change her faith and said "I have not slept for three nights because I have been worried so much in connection with the affair." It was learned from Mrs. Caulfield that Miss Miller's mother owns considerable property in Alaska. The family, it appears, was originally Irish.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Second Wife Prostrate.

Bombay, Jan. 11. According to to-day's *Evening News*, Indrabai, the second wife of the ex-Maharajah of Indore, is prostrate with grief following the news of his intention to marry Miss Nancy Miller.

Indrabai, who went with him to Europe, returned in advance, but went to Colombo to meet him on his arrival. It is reported that she fainted on learning the news and immediately left for Indore, refusing to take food of any description en route.

The newspaper further states that advices from Indore show that practically nobody in the State has anything to say in favour of the marriage.—*Reuter*.

Mother Interviewed.

New York, Jan. 11. Miss Nancy Miller's mother was interviewed late this evening. She said that she was very much against her daughter's religious conversion, but added "The Maharajah is a good man and if Nancy wants to marry him she can."—*Reuter's American Service*.

U.S. SUBMARINE TRAGEDY.

MORE BODIES OF VICTIMS RECOVERED.

New York, Jan. 11. Naval messages from Province Town, Massachusetts, state that six more bodies have been recovered from the wrecked submarine "S-4" making the total 23. At a Naval Court of Inquiry now being held at Boston, doctors gave evidence to the effect that the deaths were due to carbon monoxide poisoning, which they declare was absolutely painless.—*Reuter's American Service*.

New York, Jan. 11. A further fifteen bodies have been recovered from the submerged "S-4," according to a message this morning from Province Town.—*Reuter's American Service*.

THE MAFIA TRIAL.

NOTORIOUS ITALIAN SOCIETY BROKEN UP.

Rome, Jan. 11. Sentences were pronounced in the Mafia Trial which concluded to-day, in accordance with the demands of the Public Prosecutor, with the exception of five short terms of imprisonment and seven acquittals.

The Public Prosecutor, when the Jury found 147 of the prisoners guilty, demanded life servitude sentence in seven cases, thirty years imprisonment in eight cases, and the remainder from 25 years to not less than five years.—*Reuter*.

BIG LINER BLAZE.

PRES. POLK BURNS FOR HOURS.

OFFICER MAULED IN FRENZY OF CHINESE CREW.

COLOSSAL DAMAGE.

Jersey City, Jan. 11. A spectacular blaze on board the Dollar round-the-world liner, President Polk, involving damage running into hundreds of thousands of dollars, was witnessed by thousands who lined the waterfront yesterday and through the night.

The President Polk docked at Jersey City yesterday after completing her world tour, carrying a cargo and 36,000 bales of rubber from Singapore.

The fire broke out in the morning, the rubber being involved and understood to be considerably damaged.

Fireboats came from New York to assist in the fight to save the vessel.

The Chinese crew have been taken off, but fortunately all passengers had disembarked yesterday.

Fire Lasts All Night.

Later. The fire on the President Polk directly concerned the rubber cargo from Singapore.

It was subdued after fire-rafts and fire engines had been pouring a continuous stream of water into the blazing hold from mid-night until six o'clock this morning.

The damage is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. The Chinese crew lost control and stampeded when the fire started, and one of the ship's officers who tried to hold them back was badly mauled in their frenzy.

The police were summoned and they quickly restored order after vigorously applying their truncheons to the ringleaders of the mad mob.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FIRE ON P. AND O. BOAT.

Damage Done to Cotton Cargo.

Bombay, Jan. 11. Fire broke out in a hatch of the P. and O. liner Kidderpore which was due to sail for Yokohama to-night.

It was discovered that the fire was in the cargo of cotton, but it was got under control within half an hour.

The extent of the damage is unknown.—*Reuter*.

DEATH OF LORD GLANUSK.

DIES SUDDENLY AT BRECON.

London, Jan. 11. Lord Glanusk died suddenly to-day while opening a war memorial hospital at Brecon.—*British Wireless*.

[Lord Glanusk, who was formerly Sir Joseph Bailey, succeeding his father in 1906, had been Lord Lieutenant of Brecknock since 1905. He joined the Grenadier Guards in 1885 and later commanded the Guards Depot at Caterham, and served during the war at the London Command Depot. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1900, was made C.B. in 1911, and C.B.E. in 1919. He served during the South African War as adjutant to the C.I.V. He was educated at Eton and Sandhurst and was a noted sports player, being captain of the Eton Football team in 1883. He was 63 years of age.]

NICARAGUA WAR.

TOWN RECOVERED.

New York, Jan. 11. A report from Managua states that loyal Nicaraguan National Guardsmen have regained control of Somotillo.—*Reuter's American Service*.

A LONDON GIRL'S HEROISM.

GALLANT RESCUES FROM FLOODED FLAT.

AUNT AND COUSIN SAVED.

London, Jan. 11. At the Coroner's Court at Fulham to-day, a remarkable story was told of how Miss Madge Frankeiss, a girl of twenty, rescued her aunt and her boy cousin from the basement of a flat which was flooded by the Thames last Friday night. The inquest was being held on her two girl cousins whom she was unable to save, despite gallant efforts.

It was related how Miss Frankeiss awoke to find her bedroom deep in water. She aroused her relatives and found that the only way of escape was by the window. Getting out of the window, she swam about in the area.

An occupant of the flat above, let down a sheet and urged Miss Frankeiss to allow herself to be pulled up. She, however, declined and dived back through the window, at great risk, into the flooded flat to find her relatives.

She brought out her boy cousin, who was hauled up by a sheet and then, swimming back into the flat, she brought out her aunt, Mrs. Watson, who, in an exhausted condition, was hauled up.

Miss Frankeiss only gave up her attempt at rescue and consented to be drawn up when she was unable to swim any longer. Her legs and feet were so badly cut that she was taken to hospital.

The Coroner congratulated Miss Frankeiss highly on her gallant conduct and superb heroism, and it was announced that a testimonial fund had been opened by the Mayor of Fulham.—*British Wireless*.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

HEAVY DECREASE IN EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER.

London, Jan. 11. The Board of Trade returns for December show that Great Britain's imports were £105,389,000 and exports £58,833, decreases compared with November of £2,028,000 and £11,775,000 respectively.

The very heavy fall in exports is partly attributable to the Christmas holidays and partly to the exceptionally bad weather.—*Reuter*.

Figures For Three Years.

London, Jan. 11. Preliminary figures of the Board of Trade returns show imports for December totalling £105,000,000, compared with £107,000,000 in November and £124,000,000 in December, 1925, which is taken for comparison owing to 1926 having been affected by labour troubles. Exports for December totalled £59,000,000, against £70,000,000 in November and £39,000,000 in December, 1925.

It is pointed out that in regard to the figures for December, 1927, the Christmas holiday period should be taken into account and also the bad weather in the latter part of the year, which impeded land transport and held up shipping.

The following figures summarise the position during the past three years:

Imports.—1927, £1,241,000,000; 1925, £1,320,000,000; 1926, £653,000,000; 1925, £773,000,000.—*British Wireless*.

[The import figures for 1926 were not included in the message.]

FLYING TRAGEDY FEARED.

NO NEWS OF SYDNEY ARMEN.

Wellington, N.Z., Jan. 11. Another ocean flying tragedy is feared owing to a complete absence of news concerning the fate of the Australian airmen, Captain Hood and Lieutenant Moncrieff, who got away safely from Sydney in an attempt to fly to New Zealand.

It is still a mystery as to whether the plane has crashed into the sea or whether the airmen succeeded in reaching an isolated spot in New Zealand.—*Reuter*.

PEASANTS RISE.

SLAUGHTER OF THEIR OPPRESSORS.

SOLDIERS AMBUSHED.

Chungking, Dec. 16. The long-continued merciless exploitation of the people by the military has had the result that to be expected, and bands of "Sheng Ping," or "Sacred Soldiers," corresponding to the Red Spears of Honan and Shantung, now have made their appearance. These are composed of the peasantry, who, exasperated beyond endurance by the crushing taxation, which leaves them with little or nothing to support life, have risen against all military and officials.

They practice incantations, and believe that, by virtue of certain prayers and spells, they are proof against death for a certain number of hours. They wear scarlet turbans, and yellow clothing, with red sashes, and are armed only with knives, spears, and swords. They first were heard of about the middle of November, and apart from an attack on General Wu Pei-fu's bodyguard, at his residence at Kueichowfu, at the head of the Gorges, when they killed a General and a number of soldiers, which induced Wu to move into the walled city, their chief exploit, so far as is known up to the middle of December, is the massacre at Tanjing, a walled city north of the Yangtze, in the eastern end of Szechuan, and a salt manufacturing centre.

Massacre of Officials.

According to news brought by survivors, the Sheng Ping, on November 12, unexpectedly made an attack on the Salt Revenue Collectorate there, and killed six of the Salt Inspectorate staff, as well as a Captain and four privates of the Salt Police. The attack was made at daybreak, and after killing the people mentioned and a few of the ordinary inhabitants, the Sheng Ping proceeded to attack the walled city. They succeeded in killing the whole of the garrison, and the Civil Magistrate, as well as a high military official. The Collectorate of Salt Revenue was burned to the ground, and with it the corpses of the unfortunate employees. A number of other Government employees also were killed, and the total deaths on that day are believed to be over 200.

Killing and burning continued for several days, and on November 14 the Sheng Ping paid another visit to the Salt Revenue Collectorate, which is some 10 miles outside the city. They then murdered several collecting officers, secretaries and clerks of the Collectorate, as well as some more of the Salt Police. The Chief Collector managed to escape during the first attack, but has not been heard of for about two weeks. The total number of salt employees killed is 20, they being regarded by the Sheng Ping as identical with the other official oppressors of the people.

Yang Sen's Troops Routed.

General Yang Sen despatched a regiment of troops to deal with the situation, but they were ambushed, and routed with the loss of over 100 men. It is said that the Sheng Ping broke up and burned all the captured rifles and ammunition of the soldiers that fell into their hands. They declare that they are invulnerable to bullets, and regard firearms as being as worthy of extermination as soldiers and civil officials.

General Yan Sen, having taken most of his men to Ichang, his area now is but poorly supplied with troops, and as the conditions which induced the peasantry to rise are prevalent throughout the province, it is to be feared that the new movement will spread as has the Red Spear movement in Honan, especially if they score a few more successes against the soldiers. The latter are said to be absolutely afraid of the Sheng Ping, who do not abide by the rules of war as generally observed in the civil conflicts of Szechuan. [Further, the troops seldom are paid, and have very little inducement to fight against such fierce opponents as these frenzied peasants appear to be.]

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MANY BOMBAY COTTON FIRES.

LOSSES EXCEED SEVENTEEN LAKHS.

Bombay, Jan. 11.

Six outbreaks of fire occurred during the last two days at the Cotton Green Sewri, where the major portion of the Indian crop is stored. The damage therefrom is estimated at twelve lakhs of

rupees. Japanese are the main sufferers. The *Times of India* urges an enquiry and suggests that it is due to damp cotton.—*Reuter*.

Yet Another.

Yet another fire broke out to-day at Sewri Cotton Green, a big blaze resulting in damage to five thousand bales. The loss is estimated at five lakhs of rupees.

The seriousness of the situation is shown by the estimation that in two days 25,000 bales have been destroyed or damaged.—*Reuter*.

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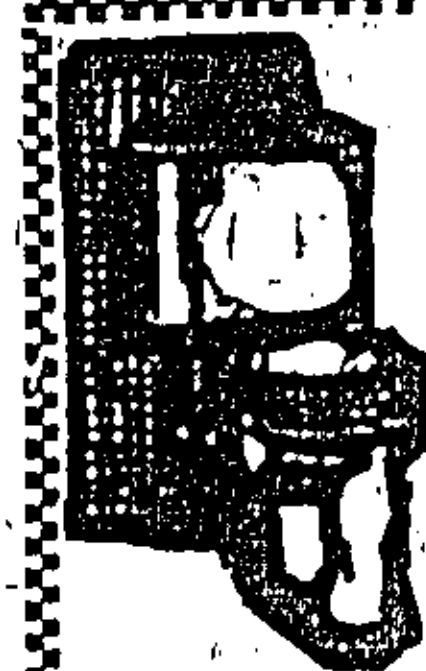
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EXAM. RESULTS.

THE HONGKONG JUNIOR LOCALS.

The results of the Hongkong University Junior Local Examinations, for which there has been much enquiry this week, are out. In all there were some 640 candidates, according to the list, and of these about 600 were Hongkong students. The local passes number about 220.

Upon percentage calculation the girls' schools head the list. At two of them, St. Mary's School and the Ying Wa Girls' School, all the candidates passed. The highest number of candidates sent up by a girls' school was, however, 18, whereas Queen's College sent up 110 boys.

An interesting feature was that of some 70 candidates prepared by private study only four passed. The list follows:

PASS LIST (BOYS).

St. Joseph's College.

No. 1, E. Abraham (Dist. English); 2, C. Barrios (Dist. English, Arithmetic and Spanish); 8, Chao Pao-yang (Dist. Arithmetic); 9, Chau Chiu-wan (Dist. Arithmetic); 11, Chung Shui-ling (Dist. Arithmetic); 12, M. Cheung Wing-yau; 13, Chan Wing-ki (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 19, G. A. Gordon; 22, M. M. Gutierrez (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 23, Ho Siew-um (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics); 35, Leung Chee-pak; 48, M. H. Murphy (Dist. English, Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics); 53, Pang Kam-yung; 55, J. C. Quincey; 56, G. H. V. Ribeiro (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 59, C. F. Rozario; 68, A. Thomas (Dist. English, Arithmetic, French and Mathematics); 70, C. Victor (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 73, H. Wing-kee (Dist. Mathematics and Biblical Knowledge); 74, W. Pak-chuen (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics); 79, C. M. Xavier (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 81, J. M. Xavier; 631, Chin Su-hong.

Queen's College.

No. 84, M. R. Abbas (Dist. Arithmetic); 85, B. Ahmad (Dist. Arithmetic); 88, Chan Man-po; 89, Chan Po-ying (Dist. Physics); 98, Cheung King-chiu (Dist. Arithmetic and Physics); 99, Chiu Put-po (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 101, Chow Chi-hoi (Dist. Arithmetic); 102, Chow Hui-man (Dist. Mathematics); 102, Chow Kexik (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 104, Chu Yuen-chee; 105, Chung Shing-hoi; 109, Fung Hing-kan (Dist. Arithmetic, Chemistry and Mathematics); 111, Fung Tin-yau (Dist. Arithmetic); 112, Ho Hung-chiu (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 114, Ho Yan-chiu; 115, D. Hunt (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 116, J. Hunt (Dist. Arithmetic, Mathematics and Book-keeping); 117, Ip Chiu-suen; 118, Ip Chiu-lau; 124, Lai Chin-cheong; 125, Lai Ko-nin; 126, Lau Shing Ki; 131, Leung Mo-shun (Dist. Arithmetic); 135, Leung Sik-wu; 137, Li Chung-hon (Dist. Mathematics); 138, Li Fuk-cho (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 140, Li Kwing (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics, Mathematics and Book-keeping); 141, Li Kai-yung (Dist. Physics and Mathematics); 142, Li Yung-wan; 143, Ling Kam-hon; 148, Lo Hoi-ai (Dist. Arithmetic); 155, Ng Wai; 156, Ng Yee-sin; 161, Pang Yin-chun (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 163, H. Singh (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 166, So Kiu-sang (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics); 170, Tam Yik-tsun (Dist. Mathematics); 172, Tse Kong-ku (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics, Mathematics and Mechanics); 173, Tsui Wai-sun; 177, Wat Hoi-ki; 179, Wong Kam-ming (Dist. Arithmetic); 180, Wong Kung-fee (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 181, Wong Wing-hung (Dist. Mathematics); 182, Woo Yuk-fan (Dist. Mathematics); 189, Yuen Yu-cheung.

Wah Yan College.

No. 200, Cheung Kam-chun (Dist. Book-keeping); 206, Cheung Wai-man (Dist. Mathematics and Book-keeping); 208, Chung Yan-wai; 212, Ho Kim-sam (Dist. Mathematics); 213, Ho Lok-tin; 216, Kwok Hung-cheong; 218, Lai Woot-ki; 220, Lau Ip-yuen (Dist. Mathematics); 221, Lee Chee-cho; 223, Lee Kwok-swo (Dist. Mathematics); 224, Lee Sheng-man (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 227, Leung Kin-fan; 229, Leung Yun-chung (Dist. Mathematics); 232, Luk Kong-leung; 236, Ng Seng-kwan; 241, Tong Shing (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 242, Tse Chu-cheung (Dist. Arithmetic); 244, Tin Shu-fan; 246, Wong Kam-shuen (Dist. Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Biblical Knowledge); 247, Wong On-lui; 249, Wong Siet Hung; 252, Wong Yau-tak; 253, Wong

ART EXHIBITION.

EXHIBITS FROM HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

Interest in the photographic exhibition at Macao continues. A case has been received from Shanghai containing some splendid examples of the photographic art, collected from photographers in Shanghai by Mr. Carlos Jacinto Machado, for the exhibition.

From Hongkong pictures of all kinds arrive. Photographic work is well represented, but paintings are also received. The number of pictures of historical interest is not as large as was at first expected, but among those received are many of very great interest to the Portuguese.

Yuk-shu (Dist. Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Biblical Knowledge); 254, Yau Hok-kan; 255, Yew Man-lee.

St. Stephen's College.

No. 259, Chin Wong-fatt; 261, Chiu Po-hang; 266, Lee Lock; 270, Leung Tim-yuen; 271, Li Fun-wai; 272, Li Hin-lung; 275, Ling Sung-kui (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Biblical Knowledge); 277, Ng Chak-yan; 282, Wong Man-on; 283, Yeung Sze-keung.

Diocesan Boys' School.

No. 285, J. J. Channings; 286, Cheng Kwok-choi; 290, A. S. A. Kyan (Dist. Arithmetic); 291, Lee Ian-pit (Dist. Mathematics); 293, A. H. Moosabhooy; 294, A. T. Nomanbhoy (Dist. English, Physics and Mathematics); 296, W. A. Thomson (Dist. Arithmetic); 298, Wan Kai-lam (Dist. Arithmetic); 300, Woo Chi-fong (Dist. Arithmetic and Mechanics); 301, Wong Kih-hat; 302, B. Wong (Dist. English); 304, Woo Chiu-fo (Dist. Mathematics and Mechanics).

St. Paul's College.

No. 306, Chan Kee-kwok; 307, Chan Yip-wing; 308, Chung Chi-on (Dist. Arithmetic); 311, Chung Sung-to; 314, Lau Shiu-chung; 316, Lee Shiu-yung; 322, Tang Nai-chiu (Dist. Arithmetic); 323, Tse Wai-lan (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics).

Docks School.

No. 339, Liu On-tak (Dist. Arithmetic); 342, Yuen Wing-yi.

Tutorial Institute.

No. 344, Chan Chung-ok; 345, D. Chan; 347, Chan Yuk-ching; 349, Kan Lai-to (Dist. Arithmetic); 351, Lam Chit-leung; 357, Wong Ka-chie; 358, Wong Tsang-shau; 359, Wu Lok-cheung; 360, Tse Fuk-ping (Dist. Arithmetic and Book-keeping).

Educational Institute.

No. 365, Leung Shiu-chung; 366, Li Fuk-fai (Dist. Arithmetic); 369, Wong Lan-kei.

Central British School.

No. 372, H. W. Brown (Dist. English); 375, D. A. Hayes (Dist. English); 378, A. C. Maycock; 379, A. Ursell (Dist. English and Biblical Knowledge); 380, R. H. A. Woolley (Dist. English and Biblical Knowledge).

Sacred Heart College.

No. 383, Tsang Koon-cook (Dist. Arithmetic and Biblical Knowledge); 384, Wong Tak-ye.

St. George's School.

No. 390, Chui Ping-kuen (Dist. Book-keeping).

Private Study.

No. 419, Kong Yue-kau; 426, Leung Wai-chung; 447, Tse Shiu-ping; 453, Wong Yan-chiu.

PASS LIST (GIRLS).

St. Stephen's Girls' College.

No. 463, Au Yuet-hang; 465, Chan Shuk-hang (Dist. Music and Needlework); 466, Chan, Yuk-sin (Dist. Needlework); 467, Chan Wai-lan; 468, Cheng Mei-hing; 469, Choy O-chee (Dist. History, Biblical Knowledge and Music); 470, Ho Hon-sun (Dist. Music); 471, Kwok Pui-chee; 472, Kwok Wai-fun (Dist. Needlework); 474, Law Pui-yew; 478, Olga Surh; 480, Yeung Yuk-ming.

Diocesan Girls' School.

No. 481, E. L. Batalha; 482, E. D. Broadbridge; 483, M. Chan (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 485, S. M. Davies; 486, E. B. Lang; 487, Edeline Lee Mong-kow; 488, Laura Lee Mong-

RECENT MURDER.

INQUIRY BROUGHT TO ABRUPT STOP.

The disclosure of the impending departure of one of the jurors who was impanelled to investigate a recent murder at Kowloon City brought the proceedings to an abrupt end at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, after the hearing had been in progress for over an hour.

The inquiry was to investigate the circumstances of the death of a Chinese who was murdered on the night of November 28, when the deceased's residence at No. 23, Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City was broken into by three armed men, with the apparent intention of committing a robbery.

The jury was comprised of Messrs. S. S. Harris (foreman), H. C. Shrubsole and A. Wylie.

Dr. Dovey gave evidence of there being a severe wound in the left side of deceased's chest, the wound penetrating the left lung and entering the pericardium of the heart. The laceration of the lung caused internal haemorrhage which proved fatal. Witness described various other minor injuries.

In reply to Inspector Lane, witness said that the fatal wound must have been caused by a curved instrument such as a pick-axe. Considerable force would have to be employed to cause such a severe wound.

A villager who had heard the shouts of the deceased's wife had just started to give evidence when Inspector Lane interposed and said that it had just come to his notice that Mr. Shrubsole was leaving the Colony on Monday.

Mr. Shrubsole apologised for the inconvenience caused and said that he had no idea the inquiry would take more than one afternoon.

The Coroner said that the proceedings would take two afternoons if not three and there was no possibility of having any further hearings before Monday. The inquiry would have to be adjourned and another juror impanelled.

The inquiry was accordingly adjourned till January 26.

kow; 489, B. MacAlush; 490, E. M. Sousa; 491, E. Wong; 492, M. Wong.

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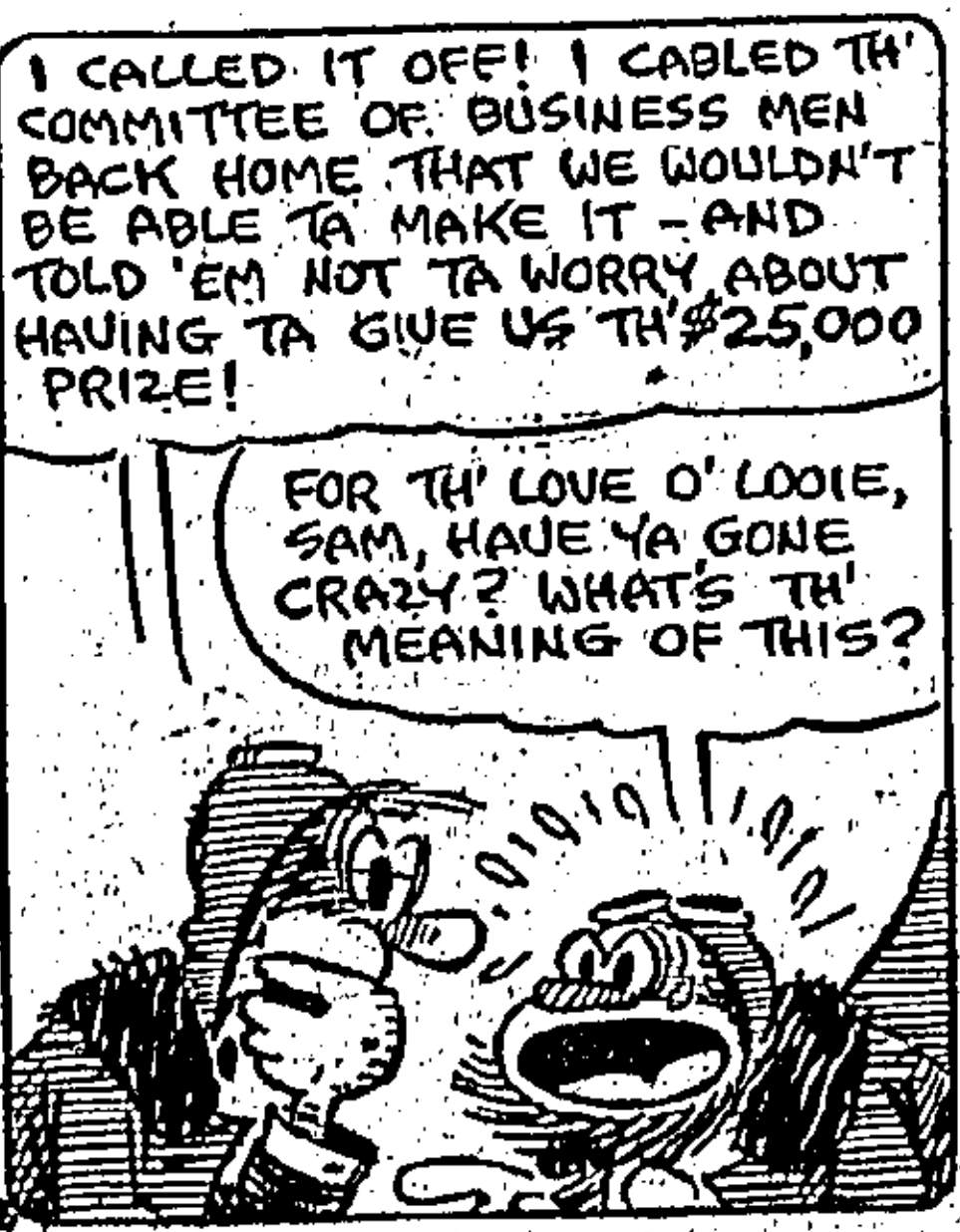
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Mme. Stella Norelli, singer, is pictured here taking a new respiratory cure aboard the trans-Atlantic liner Stuttgart. She is whiffing a mixture of oxygen and a medicinal preparation called "nauseatin." Presto! That "all is lost" feeling disappears.



A general view of the Christmas Bazaar which was held at the British Legation, Peking, in aid of various charitable organizations.



Photograph shows the two fifteens, with some of the Meiji University reserves, which met in an interport rugby match on the Shanghai polo ground, when Shanghai scored a comfortable victory over the University players from Japan, by 36 points to 8. A very large crowd attended the game which was marked by the speed and skill of the Shanghai threequarters and the pluck shown by the Japanese under a severe ordeal.



Bernard Mortimer, called the "Tex" Rickard of England, recently visited America to try and induce some of the leading performers in the various divisions to pay England a visit.



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NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Norwegian Consulate has removed its offices to the Bank of Canton Building, 6th floor.

SVERRE BERG,
Consul.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

THE INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.O., as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hongkong, and the Rev. Mok Shau-tsang, Incumbent of the Church of Our Saviour, Canton, as Archdeacon of Canton, will take place at Evensong on January 12, at 5.45 p.m.

A reception to welcome the Rev. A. and Mrs. Swann will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.30 the same afternoon.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 25th January, to Thursday, 9th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1928.

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(b) To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(c) To consider the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated.

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Hongkong, January, 12, 1928.

FATAL DIVE OVER AUDIENCE.

BRITISH TRAPEZE EXPERT KILLED.

London, Dec. 29.

The soft music, accompanying the trapeze act of his acrobats "Rolo and Lady" at the Palace Cinema, Wellingborough, swelled loudly when the conductor noticed that an accident had happened and he tried to prevent a panic.

"Rolo," otherwise Fred Greenhalgh, aged 56, was doing a sensational dive over the audience, dressed as a monkey. He had not securely fastened the loop securing his ankle to the trapeze, and fell in the lap of a woman seated in the stalls.

Immediately the music changed, a screen was lowered and a film was shown, and few people in the audience realised that a tragedy had occurred.

Greenborough was picked up dead and the woman on whom he fell was treated at the hospital for a broken thigh.

Forgot to Tie Rope.

Later.

At the inquest a verdict of accidental death was returned.

Deceased's woman partner gave evidence that Greenhalgh was a testotaller and a non-smoker.

She handed him the rope with which he fastened his foot, but he apparently forgot that he had not tied it.

A doctor said that Greenhalgh died in a quarter of an hour, from a broken neck.

DRIZZLE EXPECTED.

OBSERVATORY WEATHER REPORT.

This morning's weather report states that a typhoon is shown over North East Japan. The anticyclone over China has strengthened slightly. Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and fresh monsoon over the north China sea.

The forecast until noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds; fresh; generally overcast; some drizzle.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 13th to 19th January, 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Day	Time.	h.	m.	Day	Time.	h.	m.	
Friday	13	0	19	1	0	19	7	59
		3	10	4	5	5	6	58
Satur.	14	3	7	5	5	5	9	45
		2	3	7	4	8	8	44
Sun.	15	2	3	5	0	0	9	28
		4	40	5	1	1	10	30
Mon.	16	3	38	4	5	5	10	10
		5	16	5	5	5		
Tues.	17	5	58	4	2	2	6	4
		5	55	5	5	5	10	01
Wed.	18	5	38	4	0	0	1	5
		6	14	5	3	3	11	31
Thurs.	19	7	44	4	0	0	1	52
		6	44	5	6	7	0	10

NUMEROUS PETTY LARCENIES.

STORY OF TEN-CENT THEFT.

Attributable to the near approach of the Chinese New Year and a desire by some to "raise the wind" in order to tide over that festival, there has been witnessed lately a recrudescence of larcenies, many of them of a petty character.

Of a Chinese who was charged before Major C. Willson this morning with stealing ten cents, it was said that he was at great pains to commit the theft yesterday. Moving restlessly from shop to shop, along Queen's Road, he reached out his hand for a thermos flask here and a hat there, but could do nothing more than touch the things. At length, he paused before a fruit stall in Chinese Street, took a ten-cent bit from the tray, and, as quickly, tendered it to the fruiterer to buy oranges. The thief, however, had reckoned without a detective who had dogged his footsteps over several blocks, and was at the moment watching the operation from behind a pillar. Taken to the Police Station, the thief admitted that he was in great need of money and had staked his liberty on ten cents.

He received a sentence of one month's hard labour.

Another man walked into the Sincere Store yesterday and emerged a minute later, wearing a new felt hat which it was found had been purloined from the counter. This man received a sentence of three weeks.

A third man stole five fish from the market, and was fined \$10, or ten days—two dollars for each fish.

A Chinese ex-plebeian was charged with returning from banishment, before Major C. Willson, and, on pleading that he was looking for his family and had previously notified the S.C.A. of his intention, he was remanded for verification of his story.

Charged with stealing clothing, a young Chinese was given two months' hard labour, with an additional eight months' and twelve strokes for returning from banishment.

THREE CANOEISTS DROWNED.

CORONER'S ENIGMATIC SUMMING-UP.

London, Dec. 24. Mrs. Cullen wife of a quarter-master of the P. and O. liner "Malwa," her 16-year daughter and Mr. John Abbott, all from Southampton, were drowned when a canoe capsized in the River Hamble last night, when they were proceeding to a house-boat.

The fourth occupant of the canoe, a steward, Beech, a non-swimmer, who was saved, stated at the inquest that the members of the party were sober.

The coroner, in summing up, said: "This is not a Court of Morals. I do not propose to make any allusion to the nature of the party, or whether they were sober. You can all have your own opinion."

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

FOUND DEAD IN A DITCH.

RETIRED INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE OFFICER.

London, Dec. 23. Major Hunter-Riddell, a retired Indian Medical Service Officer, was found dead today in a ditch in Perthshire.

His legs were broken. It is believed that he was knocked down by a motor car.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Notes.

FROM A FASHION NOTE BOOK.

Every woman seems to have a secret craving for odd jumpers. White satin is enjoying a particularly successful vogue. It relieves

For Morning Wear.



A tailored model of mist grey homespun, with a novel front belt which points upward to close with three bone buttons.

for effect on exquisite cut and rare, jewelled buttons. Crepe-de China is seen trimmed with broderie anglaise. "Angora is bound and monogrammed with any kind of reptile skin, and velvet, especially the patterned variety, lends itself to all manner of effective treatments. One model, in which the predominant shade was green was fastened from neck to hem with a double row of marcasite buttons.

Skirts which are cut in the front to reveal under-sections are an effective variation of the more formal type of afternoon dress. A black satin design, cut on coat lines, was split to show red underneath. Three diagonal bands of red were inserted in front and they gathered the slight fullness of the bodice into a snug hipband. The collar was V-shaped and narrowly bound with red. It was worn with a black satin turban. Nowadays it is quite the thing for a hat definitely to match a costume.

London Gossip.

[By "Joan."]

London, Dec. 6.

Last week I saw some dresses which I am assured are the very first of the 1928 spring styles.

Among them was an evening dress with what the dressmaker called a "moonlight-on-the-water" effect, a quite wonderful toilette of blue and silver with long "wings" of glistening material falling from the shoulders.

By now I imagine this bit of moonlight is actually on the water—or at least in Liverpool ready for putting away in the luggage hole of the Melita. It is one of the gowns which Miss Deirdre Doyle is wearing in "Charley's Aunt" during the Canadian tour.

Primrose Gold.

Another of the advance spring styles which are going to Canada is Miss Gina Graves' evening gown of primrose gold taffeta shot with opalescent sheen, with a novel corsage cut in points over an underbodice of heavy gold lace.

While to the more man what looked like a "handful of spring" itself was expressed in a day dress of what is technically called malachite green romaine, with a dewdrop sparkling somewhere near the waist.

The Queen's Silver Paper.

Instances of the Queen's keen observation and general thoughtfulness in little things occur daily. Here is the latest:

Some time ago Queen Mary saw a notice about the tinfoil collections which were being made by some hospitals.

Her Majesty asked what it meant and immediately gave instructions that all tinfoil which came into Buckingham Palace should be saved. The Queen frequently inquires regarding the silver paper collection at the Palace and has just sent a large case of it to the Westminster Hospital.

Mannequins.

The doll mannequin is now an accepted custom at some exclusive dressmaking establishments. Dress designers display a wonderful creation of their own, and at the same time show madame a large-size doll wearing a replica of the dress.

It is a novel and useful branch of the doll craze. Equally novel but less useful is the custom of some women to have a doll replica of themselves, which they take everywhere with them.

Sometimes the doll is a replica of a favourite film star or some other popular idol. It is not unusual nowadays for a woman to arrive at a smart restaurant for lunch carrying a big doll for whom she takes a chair.

Marine Modes.

Wig-makers of London are turning out new fashions for the "Under the Sea" ball of the Chelsea Arts Club and carrying out the marine motif for the head only.

A silver tinsel galleon is poised on one of these white silk coiffures. Another wig in shades of pink is shaped like a huge cockle-shell. I hear that ordinary fishing net, silver and gilded will be employed in the making of inexpensive and

An Illusion.

STYLE GIVE AIR OF TALLNESS.

"How tall the mannequins are this season!" remarked a woman at one of this season's dress shows to the master of ceremonies who was directing the parade of autumn fashions.

"They are the same mannequins you saw in the summer and also at last winter's display," was the reply.

The autumn mannequins have not added a single inch to their stature. It is the picture frocks that are producing the illusion of a new race of daughters of the gods!

The new draperies give dignity. The skirt-line with its quaint dip at the back and sides makes the wearer look taller.

effective costumes for this great occasion.

Old-fashioned Jewels.

No one responds more readily to the cause of charity than Lady Gwentanar, who is very decided in her opinions. She pays slight attention to the passing vogue and

Smart for Sports.



Here is pictured a dainty sports' jumper suit, patterned at the bottom with geometric braid and a narrow belt.

is one of the few women who wear the Edwardian dog collar of pearls in the evening.

Another conservative taste of hers is her old-fashioned necklace of huge graduated solitaires, which look like Crown jewels.

BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA.

OUTSPOKEN HOME COMMENT.

Commenting on the China situation, the London Morning Post of December 13th refers to an opinion expressed by Mr. J. O. P. Bland, and shared by very many well qualified to judge, that British policy has been basing itself on a disastrously false theory of non-intervention in any circumstances, which has been interpreted by the Chinese as weakness or worse, and is largely responsible for these present afflictions. We have at the present time, says the journal, in the Shanghai Conference a strong British force. The force, as we do not doubt, has saved the lives and property of not only the British but the foreign community in Shanghai. But what seems inexplicable is this—that while this strong force obviously commands the native city, as well as the settlement which it occupies, the native city, according to our Shanghai correspondent, is freely used by the Russian Communists as a centre of propaganda and agitation against us. Why is this permitted? Our Government can no longer cherish the illusions which had such disastrous fruit in Hankow. There is no excuse remaining for confusing an organised anti-British movement, directed by a gang of revolutionaries, with the wishes of the Chinese people.

While this agitation proceeds unchecked in Shanghai City, under the very paw of the British lion, we cannot be surprised that it has again burst into revolutionary flame in the City of Canton. There the "Reds" have taken control; the place is in chaos; the local government—such as it was—appears to be destroyed; the city is being fired and looted, and the crews of steamers are being terrorised into refusing to take their ships to Hongkong. "We may be reasonably certain from our knowledge of recent history in China that the force behind this revolution consists of the criminal classes, set moving by Bolshevik propaganda. A complete exposure of the methods by which such revolutions were created by the Soviet organisation in China may be found in a very interesting and valuable little book, "China in the Grip of the Reds." Its author, Captain Eugene Pick, was until lately a trusted agent of the Red Army Intelligence Service in China, and it is humiliating to read his exposure of how Borodin controlled the so-called "Nationalist" party, with which the disastrous Chen-O'Malley agreement was negotiated. The same forces are at work in Canton.

LINER CAUGHT IN A STORM.

MUSLIM PILGRIM RECEIVES FATAL INJURIES.

When the Blue-funnel liner "Phenix" from Singapore to New York, was nearing Colombo recently she experienced very rough weather. She shipped heavy seas and rolled badly and, as a result, two men were injured.

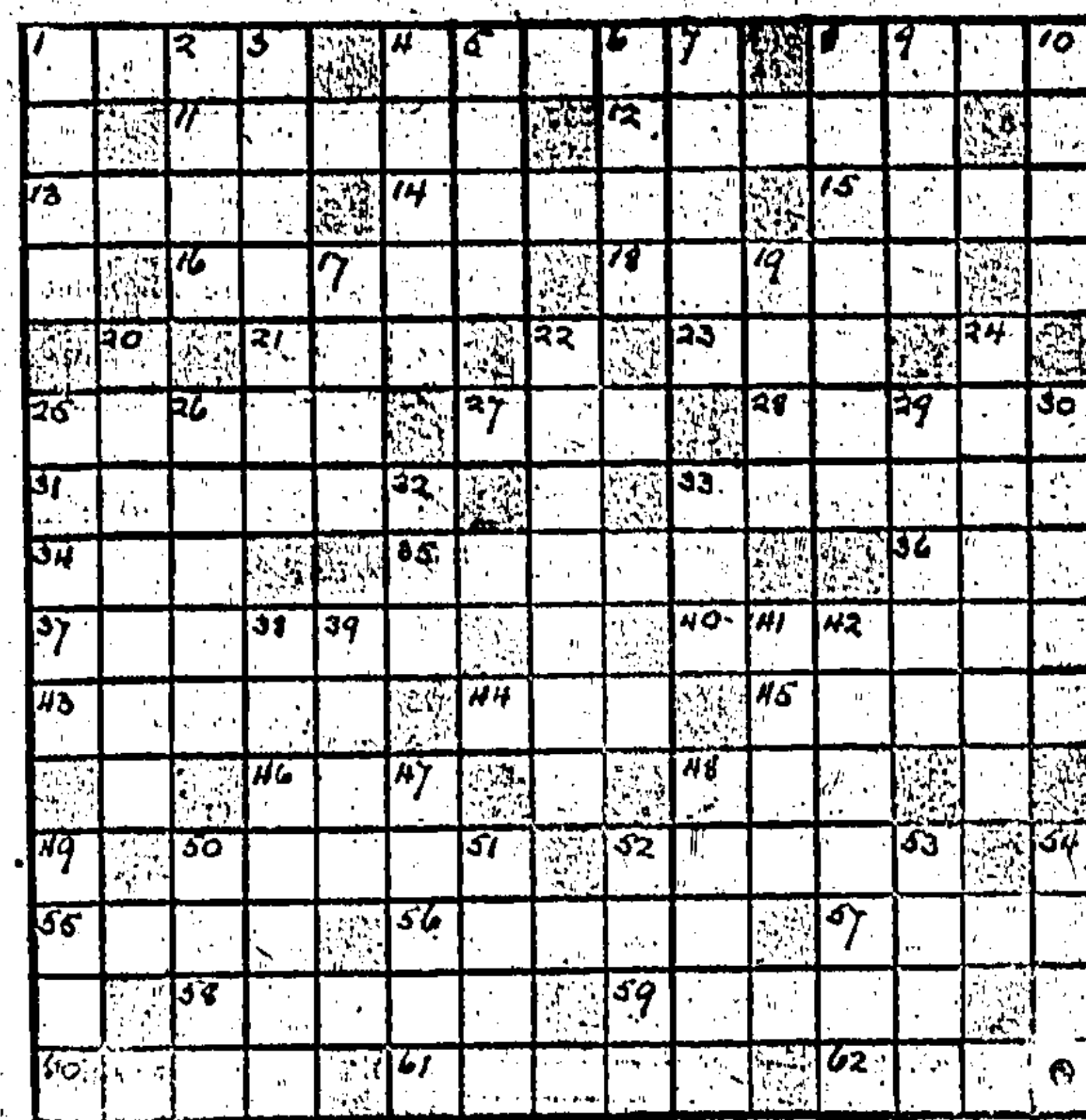
On the vessel's arrival in Colombo the men were removed to the General Hospital where one of them, a Malay, who was a deck-passenger, on his way from Singapore to Mecca on a pilgrimage, later died.

At the inquest it was stated that the deceased had succumbed to internal haemorrhage. The other man who was injured is still in hospital.

The "Phenix" resumed her voyage to New York after a few hours' stay in the harbour.

The Manila Times says the Hawkins, flagship of Admiral Sir Reginald V. Tyrwhitt, will arrive in Manila for a short visit on February 2. The usual port courtesy will be extended to the visiting Admiral. The British community is preparing for a fitting reception. The cruiser will leave Manila on February 9.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

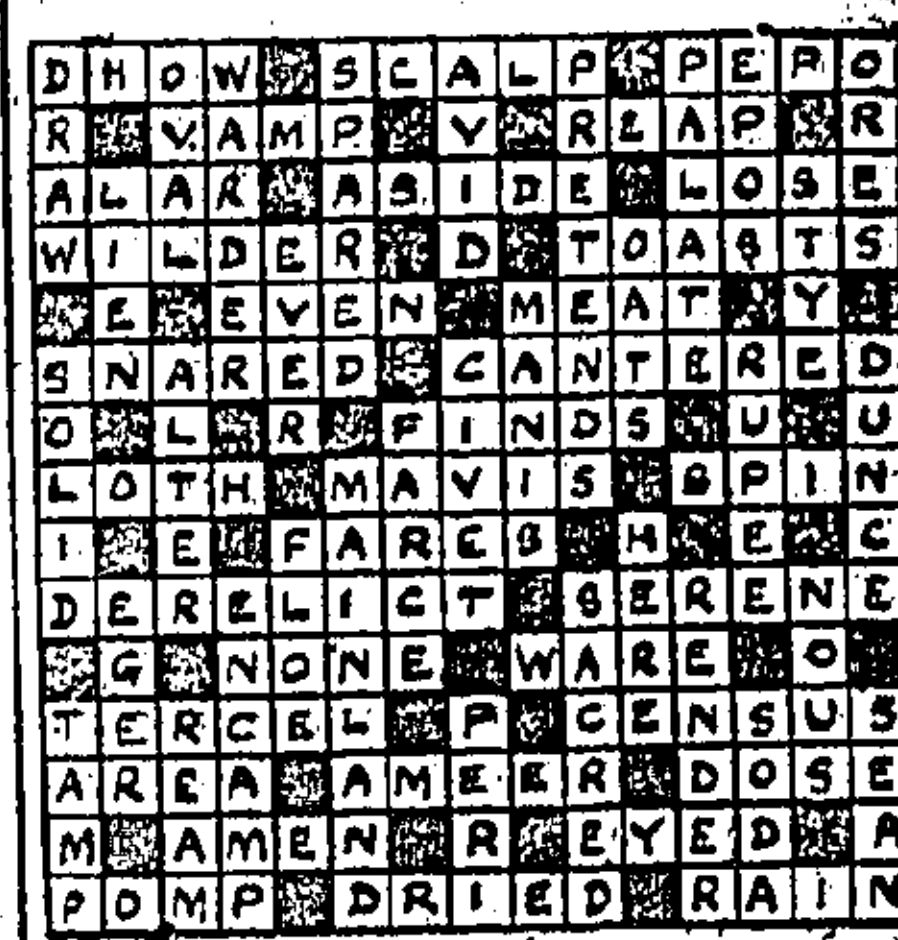
- 1 Silent.
- 2 Rack.
- 3 Sour.
- 11 Pertaining to punishment.
- 12 Austere.
- 13 Celestial body.
- 14 Just.
- 15 Tinge.
- 16 Drunkard.
- 17 Species of hickory.
- 21 Element of an electrolyte.
- 23 Reposed on a seat.
- 25 Vexed.
- 27 Irritable.
- 28 Suburban mansion.
- 31 Wandered.
- 32 Rebound.
- 34 Swimming bird.
- 35 Exact.
- 36 Poem.
- 37 Plants with acrid milky juice.
- 40 Pursuer.
- 43 Pertaining to the blood.
- 44 Piece of work undertaken.
- 45 Not moving.
- 46 Young sheep.
- 48 Containing water.
- 50 Be of use to.
- 52 Youngest son.
- 55 Haughty.
- 56 Scent.
- 57 Trim.
- 58 Rule.
- 59 Slants.
- 60 Immediately.
- 61 Ornamental knobs.
- 62 Molecule.

Down.

- 1 Rind.
- 2 Spawn of shell-fish.
- 3 Bravery.
- 4 Large black bird.
- 5 Pertaining to wings.
- 6 Break off in small pieces.
- 7 The world of spirits.
- 8 Being without polarity.
- 9 Part of the face.

- 10 Submission.
- 17 Puzzle.
- 19 Don.
- 20 Arranged into a group.
- 22 Brief notice in regard to something.
- 24 Those who glide.
- 25 Dash with violence.
- 26 Used for caulking the seams of ships.
- 29 United.
- 30 Watchful.
- 32 Female deer.
- 33 Mythical bird.
- 39 Thick twilled woollen cloth.
- 39 Pleasure.
- 41 Moved with haste.
- 42 Fool.
- 43 Squads.
- 48 Commodities.
- 49 Course diamonds.
- 50 Painful.
- 61 Mark made by a blow.
- 62 Frigid.
- 63 Trial.
- 64 Stalk.

Yesterday's Solution.



"THE TAXI DANCER."

A STORY OF JAZZ LIFE AT WORLD.

"The Taxi Dancer" comes to the World Theatre today as the feature attraction until Saturday. The story deals with the adventures of a girl who leaves a country town to capture New York. Failing to get a start in Broadway she becomes a "taxi dancer"—a girl who will dance at so much per dance. The main part of the picture is devoted to the strange events that follow her advent into the world of jazz. Joan Crawford and Owen Moore are the leading players.

CYRIL TOLLEY ENGAGED.

TO MISS DOLORES RUDD.

London, Dec. 26. Johannesburg.—The engagement is announced of Cyril Tolley, the golfer, and Miss Dolores Rudd, sister of the famous athlete, G. B. Rudd.

"THE FIRE BRIGADE."

EXCITING FILM AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Fire Brigade," a love story with a background of sensational fire thrills comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday. May McAvoy and Charles Ray play the leading roles, and the distinguished cast includes Holmes Herbert, Tom O'Brien, and Eugene Bessner. There are many thrilling scenes in the picture, the wonderful realism achieved being due in large measure to the fact that trained firemen were employed. "The Fire Brigade" is also notable for some fine colour work. Some of the fire scenes are tinted and a huge fancy dress ball is presented in natural colours.

Consequent on the departure on leave of Mr. L. H. Elphinstone, the Attorney-General of Ceylon, who was to have been a Judge in Malaya, Mr. M. T. Akbar, the Solicitor-General, has taken the oath as acting Attorney-General. Mr. Akbar is a Ceylon Malay.

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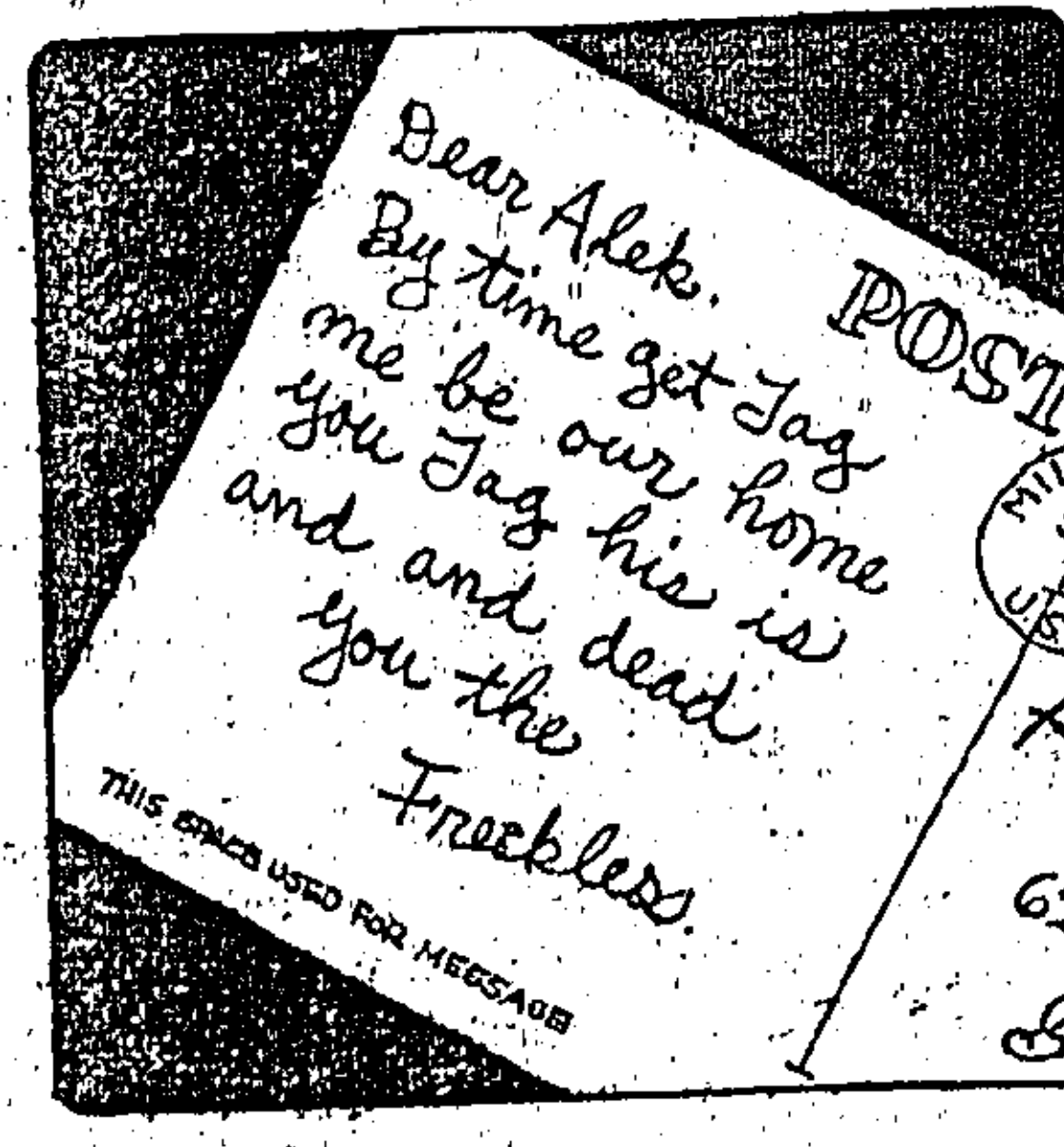
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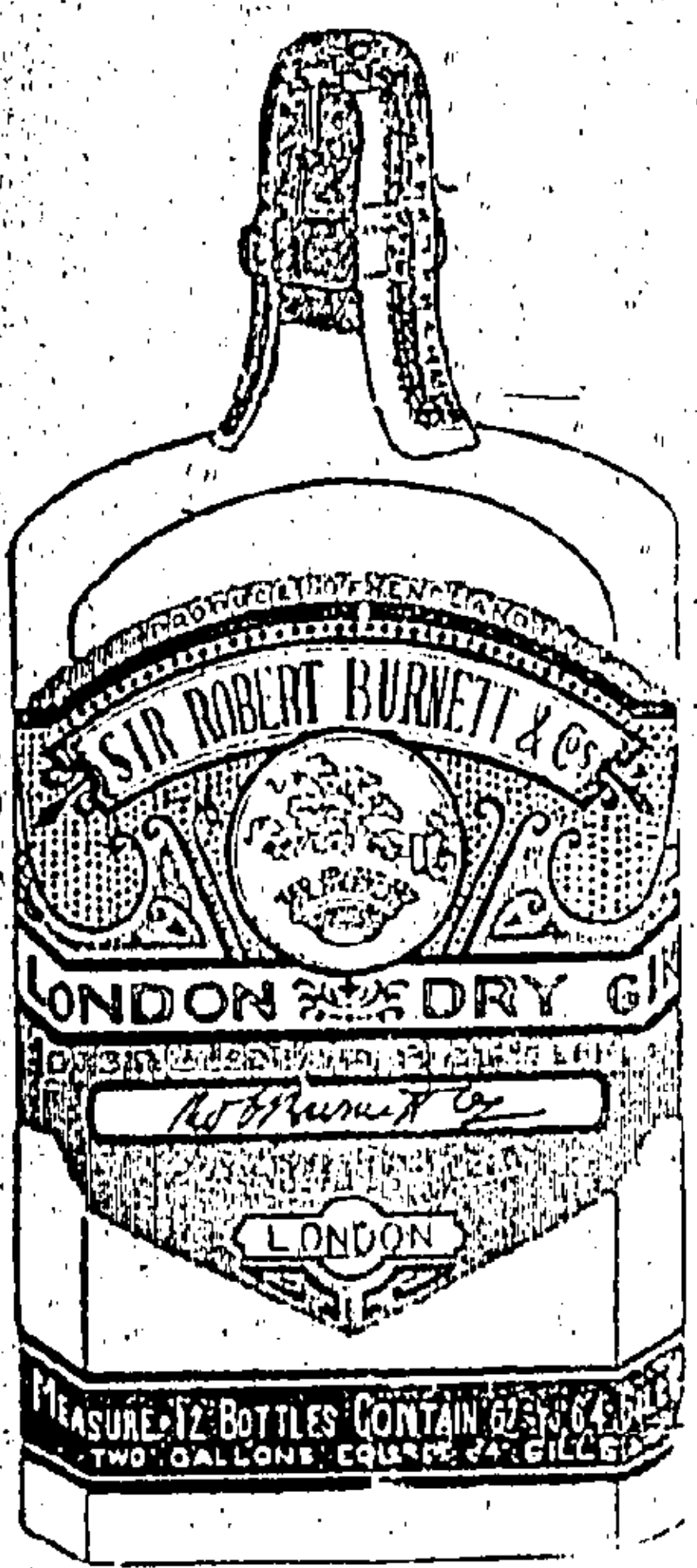


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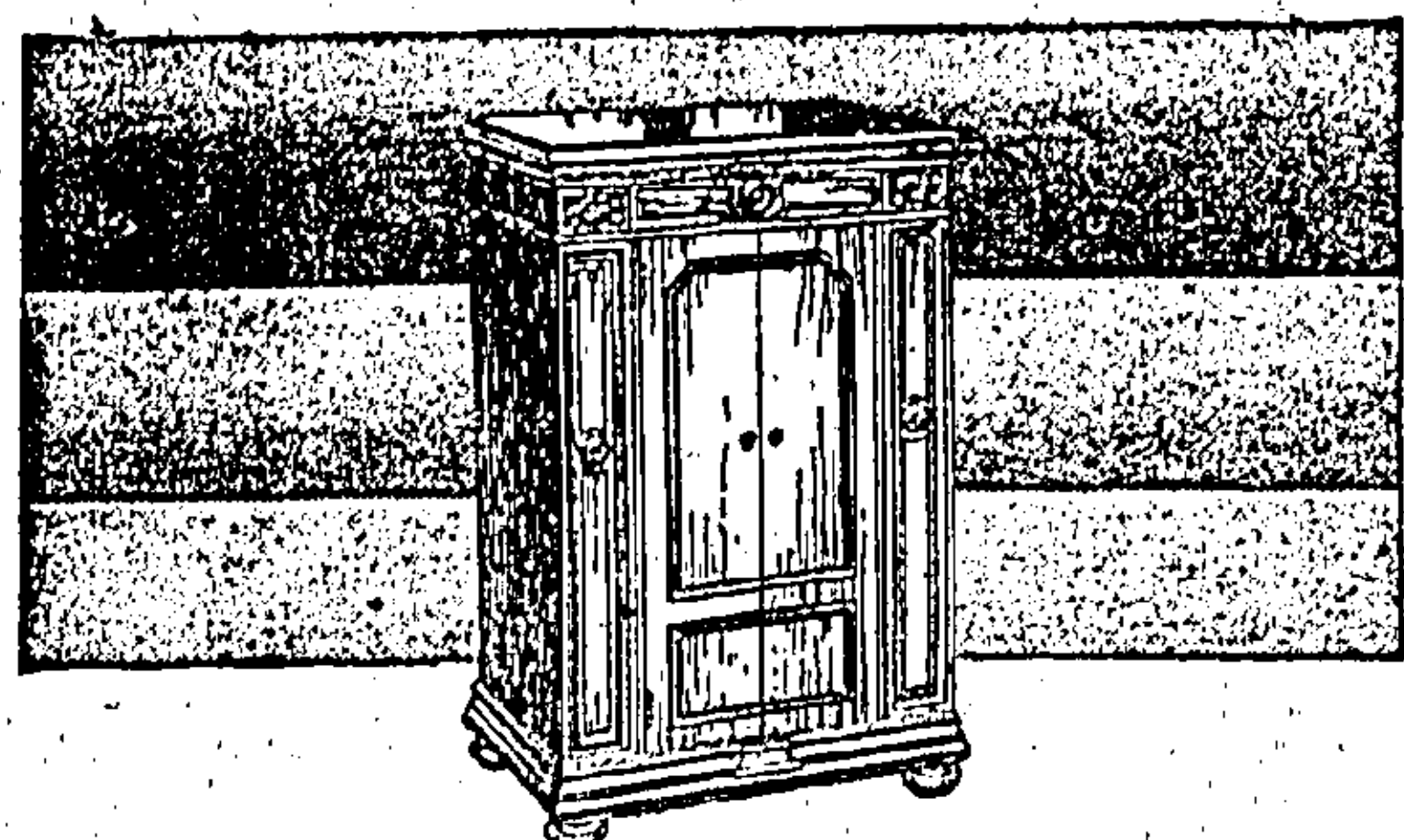
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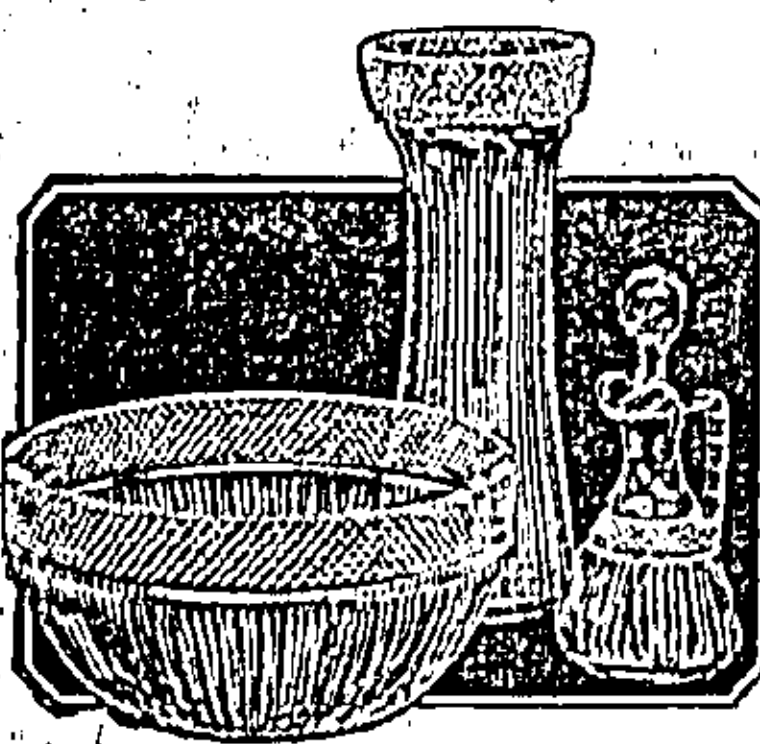
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CANTON ACTS.

Judging from reports to hand, General Li Chai-sum is living up to his promise to take stern action against the "Reds." He is credited by Chinese correspondents with having instructed the military forces at Swatow to break up the Communist armed camps in the Swabue district, whilst it has been announced that he has ordered the proscription of the Revolutionary Workers' Association in Canton, as well as the numerous Unions associated therewith. The steady pursuit of the "Iron-sides" is also an indication that General Li Chai-sum is determined to take every possible step to consolidate the rule of the moderates in Kwangtung, and the fact that the authorities at Swatow are also engaged in active anti-Communist measures provides further cause for satisfaction.

Our Swatow correspondent refers to a report that the troops of General Wang Shao-hung have scored a victory in the Swabue region, but so far this is the only mention we have had of forces from Canton being in that locality. Whether the rumour is founded on fact, or whether it has been confused with operations carried out by General Chan Chit-tong, there would appear to be no doubt that the Hailuk Fung Communists are at last encountering some resistance. It appears that the inhabitants of villages which have suffered so much at the hands of these "Reds" have at last been moved to hit back, with the result that the extremist faction has been driven out of Luk-fung, one of the two main centres of Chinese Soviet activity. It may well be, as our correspondent suggests, that even if the Communists are later dispersed from Luk-fung, the headquarters of their movement, they may retreat to strong fastnesses in the hills and await a more favourable opportunity to resume their reign of terrorism, but it is at any rate gratifying to know that at present they are not being permitted to have matters all their own way. So terrible have been the experiences of the people living under their rule that we may hope to witness a continued resolve on the part of these unhappy people to take counter-measures against the enemies of society. If they are aided in their determination by

well-ordered military operations, the task of suppressing these bloodthirsty Communists ought not to be difficult of achievement. Only by stern measures will peace be brought to this sore-afflicted region.

As we say, it is a most encouraging sign that General Li Chai-sum is marking his return to Canton by early action in the Swabue district. All that part of south-eastern Kwangtung badly needs cleaning up, in which connexion we should like to see some serious effort made to deal with the Bias Bay region, close at hand. If General Li Chai-sum will see to it that some real campaign is carried out against the pirates haunts in this locality, he will earn the thanks not only of this Colony but of hosts of his own nationals who have already suffered at the hands of these Bias Bay outlaws. A great opportunity now presents itself to the Canton authorities to establish their authority in this region and to suppress once and for all the menace to Chinese and foreign shipping which these freebooters must continue to be so long as they remain unmolested.

Airship Services.

According to Commander Burney, keen anxiety is being expressed in Germany to be the first to operate a Transatlantic passenger airship service, and an endeavour is being made to outpace Great Britain by applying full pressure day and night at the Friedrichshafen Zeppelin works with a view to completing the air-liner "LZ127" in October. To us it seems the matter is of little concern, and we shall be surprised if the British authorities show signs of hysteria consequent upon the announcement. Any distinction to be derived from being the first in the field may safely be conceded to Germany if the ambitious and well-advanced British plans pursue a steady consistent course towards fruition. The enlightening information conveyed in a Press interview by Commander Burney suggests that Great Britain may justly lay claim to be leading the world in the development of commercial flying where lighter-than-air craft is concerned. The air-liner "R100" will be ready for her maiden flight in April, while a second airship of even larger dimensions is under construction at Cardington, near Bedford, and will be completed by the end of July. It seems clear that Commander Burney, who will personally carry out the official trials, is perfectly satisfied to wait until both are ready, in spite of the German challenge, and after all, more importance is attached to plans for the future than to the immediate present. The British proposals appear to be cut-and-dried. A Transatlantic service is to be inaugurated, to be operated by a commercial company. Craft will leave England's shore once every two days and will reach New York in 48 hours, returning in ten hours less. It will be possible to have dinner in New York on Monday and tiffin in London on Wednesday. Beyond these proposals there is a pretty broad hint that further giant aircraft will be built in order to bring Bombay within 52 hours of London, and Australia within five days' journey of the Empire capital. There is much more than big talk in this. We can rest assured that Great Britain at least is alive to the possibilities and practicability of airships as a means of shortening distances between important centres. The pioneering spirit is as alive in England to-day as ever it was, our Dean Inges notwithstanding.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 11.	
Paris	124
Brussels	124
Amsterdam	12.00
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.54
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	2.13/32
Bucharest	790
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Shanghai	27 1/2
Yokohama	1/11.3/32
New York	4.87
Geneva	25.20
Milan	92.15
Stockholm	18.12
Oslo	18.35
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	28.48
Athens	269 1/2
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6.1/16
Hongkong	2/6
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

HE WHO PLAYS WITH DOLLARS IN HIS YOUTH WILL HAVE TO BEG FOR FARTHING IN HIS AGE.—*Homer*.

Lady Clementi is to present the cups and certificates at the St. Stephen's Girls' College speech day on Tuesday next at 3 p.m.

The s.s. Shansi left Taikoo Dock this morning, after overhaul and will resume her place in the sailing schedule during the next few days.

Yesterday's health return shows three Chinese cases of diphtheria, one Portuguese case of typhoid and one Chinese occurrence of cerebro-spinal fever.

Prof. Hinton of the Hongkong University will distribute the prizes to the students of St. George's Girls' School at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Auditorium this afternoon.

It is announced that the round the world tourist vessel *Belgenland* will arrive here on February 9, remaining until February 13, and will berth at A. I. buoy during her stay.

The sunken sand junk, submerged off the Canton Wharf of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, was lifted by craft from Taikoo yesterday and towed to Yau-mat.

An Indian soldier named Yar Mohammed was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a fractured leg caused by an iron gate falling on him in the grounds of Murray Barracks.

A Chinese, twenty-three years of age, was yesterday sent to the Government Civil Hospital from Taikoo Dockyard. The man was suffering from a fractured left leg caused by a large pulley falling on him while he was at work.

Col. J. M. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkett, Dr. J. C. C. Donelan, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Capt. J. C. Dally, Col. and Mrs. A. Dugdale, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dunne, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. H. Grice and Miss Grice were among the passengers arriving from Europe by the s.s. *Hector*.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave nine arrivals and eight departures of which three and four respectively were British, leaving 68 vessels in harbour, British 21. Tonnage and freights were generally low, with the higher figures recorded by Chinese, Danish and Dutch.

Sergeant Peuster, of the Flying Squad, reported to the Police yesterday that he found a richa coolie lying in Arsenal Street suffering from superficial injuries to his leg caused by being knocked down by motor cycle 947. The driver of the cycle had failed to stop after the accident. The coolie was not admitted to Hospital.

From the Secretary of the Wireless League, London, we have received a specimen of the prospectus used by the Overseas Secretary, at present touring South Africa and Australia to form the nucleus of an Empire Broadcasting Branch. The Secretary adds: "It is hoped that your readers will have the opportunity of responding at an early date through the appointment of responsible agents."

The chief picture in the new continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day is "Satan in Sables," a story of love in Paris in the gay days before the war. The principal players are Lowell Sherman as a Russian prince and Pauline Garon as a Parisian dancer. The movie programme at the Star Theatre ends at 8.30, the Globe Trotters at 9.15 presenting their entertaining revue "Scenes and Screens."

HEARST'S MEXICAN FACSIMILES.

DECLARED SPURIOUS AND FRAUDULENT.

Washington, Jan. 11. A special committee of the Senate appointed to investigate the alleged Mexican documents published in the Hearst newspapers have reported to the Senate that the documents were spurious and fraudulent.—*Reuter's American Service*.

The *New York American* reproduced in November last the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by President Calles of Mexico, authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda, for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal revolutionary army in Nicaragua, but a cable of January 5 stated that handwriting experts, including three employed by Hearst himself, have testified that the documents purported to be taken from Mexican secret archives are spurious.

DEATH OF THOMAS HARDY.

ENGLAND'S GRAND OLD MAN OF LETTERS.

London, Jan. 11.

The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Hardy, O.M., the great English novelist and poet.—*Reuter*.

Rightly known as the Grand Old Man of English letters, for he was only a few months off his 88th birthday, Thomas Hardy has occupied a beloved place in the hearts of countless readers all over the world. Starting life as an architect, at which he displayed considerable gifts, being a prizeman of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1863, he began to write verses and early on attracted attention. During his early years of publication—from 1860 to 1867—he confined himself exclusively to verse, but later turned to prose. His first book "Desperate Remedies" was published in 1871, this being succeeded by "Under the Greenwood Tree" and "A Pair of Blue Eyes." But it was left for "Far From the Madding Crowd" in 1874 to make him immediately known and from that time his books have given him a unique place among English writers. One has only to mention "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," "Jude the Obscure," and "Life's Little Ironies" to get a reminder of the greatness of the writer of them. Of many other books to his credit there is "The Trumpet-Major," "The Pursuit of the Well-Beloved," "Wessex Tales" and "A Changed Man" which come to mind as wonderful examples of the beauty of his writings.

A Great Poet.

In the realm of verse, Thomas Hardy was undoubtedly one of the greatest of latter-day English poets. In recent years he has written only poems and dramatic verse and his *Wessex Poems* (written from 1865 onwards) are perhaps the best known. His output has been not only great in quantity but his verse has a quality all its own. He wrote several notable poems on the war. He is also the author of several dramas and plays, "The Three Wayfarers" being specially produced at Dorchester, Dorsetshire, (which was his birthplace, and which had been his home for very many years) in 1911.

Thomas Hardy was honoured in 1910 by being decorated with the coveted Order of Merit, and in 1923 he was specially visited by the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his 83rd birthday. He had been honoured by the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrews, was a justice of the Peace for Dorset, was a member of the Council of Justice to Animals and a great lover of the English countryside.

Literary Greatness.

Many have been the high appreciations written of his writings, not only for the kindness and generosity of the humanity that lay beneath. Like Meredith, Hardy was a man of purely literary occupation. Hardy's wonderful literary art and dramatic power have not only entertained many thousands of careless readers, but they have struck into some minds more or less of the seriousness of his teaching. One commentator has written: "His novels do not inspire bright or hopeful feelings. Their tendency is to exaggerate the power of circumstances and belittle the helpfulness of free will. The circumstances through which a Hardy character works its way are made to appear like the meshes of Fate. It is a Pagan, rather than a Christian view that Hardy takes of the ways of Providence with man. Good-will and perseverance in well-doing seem not to avail to save Hardy's most interesting characters from the hands of the cruel destinies. In spite of noble traits and great victories over his worse nature, the Mayor of Casterbridge ends badly. There is never a good angel hovering about to snatch a Hardy hero or heroine from misfortune. In the mills of the gods they are ground between the upper and the nether millstones. But if Hardy's tragedies do not increase our faith they certainly minister to the taste for literature of the best form."

High praise is lavished on Mr. Walter Sinclair's production of "John Ferguson" at the Little Theatre, New Orleans, of which he is the Director. One dramatic critic says that Mr. Sinclair's little "hidden under a bushel in light" debut production, pours out now with all the fury of a double battery of giant spots, a few towers and a bridge or two of a few millions of candlepower. Mr. Sinclair will be remembered as the well-known producer of numerous plays for the Hongkong A.D.C.

The Very Idea!

Mrs. Murphy—"And 'ow does yer old man like workin' at th' brewery?"
Mrs. Flanagan—"E'asn't been able to tell me yet."

Not long ago a woman passenger was about to alight from an Edinburgh tramcar before it had come to a stop, when the conductor cried to her: "Madam, you had better wait until the car stops, because if you jump off and fall and break your neck, it's me that will suffer."

Magistrate: How did your husband desert you? North London wife: I threw him out of the house.

Willesden man: If a man pays rates and taxes surely he can do as he likes outside his own house? Magistrate: That is not the law.

Nottinghamshire poacher: Rabbits do not always stay at home for meals; they often feed in my garden.

Husband at Willesden: Swearing may be a curious way of showing my love for my wife; but if she left me fifty times I should still want her back.

Doctor at Kingston: I admit that it is difficult for a medical man, after forming an opinion, to alter it.

Kingston solicitor: "What is your age? Man: Thirty to-day. I was twenty-nine when this charge was made."

Man at Croydon: I am a good husband. I can cultivate the garden, do boot repairing, make clothes, and cut hair.

Unconscious humour from the schoolroom:—
Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Sir Walter Scott wrote Quentin Durward, Ivanhoe, and Emulsion. Ambiguous means having two wives and not being able to get rid of one of them.

Our forefathers are not living as long as they did.
A Soviet is a cloth used by waiters in hotels.

A connoisseur is a person who stands outside a picture palace.
A talisman is a man who calls every week for the furniture money.

Women are far more careful than men.—Lady Frances Balfour.

The person is looked upon as the relieving officer of the parish.—Mr. Mandeville B. Phillips.

History is littered with the stories of nations destroyed by their own wealth.—President Coolidge.

Religious difficulties of the age are intensely felt by many young people.—Frederick O. Harris.

"But I wanted a manish hat. This isn't manish enough," said the pretty girl.

"That's a man's hat, miss," said the salesman.

Speaking on golf, the Earl of Haddington said he heard a story the other day of a golfer who was also a murderer. The story did not tell whether he murdered an opponent who had laid him a stymie on the last green.

The time came for him to pay the extreme penalty, and he was standing on the scaffold with the rope round his neck, and the executioner was waiting to shoot the bolt, and he was asked what his last request was, and he said—"May I have a few practice swings before I die?"
He had also heard of two Scotsmen playing on a hot day last summer, when one of them had a paralytic stroke on the ninth green, and the other made him count it.

"Hae ye lost yer ba' Jack?" asked one Scots golfer of another.
"Aye, Wull, a hae."
"Wis it a guid ane, Jack?"
"Aye, it wis a guid ane, an' A widna care but A only fund it last Saturday!"

Princess Bibesco, the daughter of the Earl of Oxford, provides the reading public with some more of her customary epigrams and eccentricities of language. In "There is No Return" Here are some quotations from her new book:—

"It seemed to him that a 'bobbed' woman could hardly give the sense of being in bed. What a ridiculous thing; this modern generation, clipped of hair and reticence and adventure. Without virtue, without vice, without point, without mystery; how adequately these shorn and shiny heads supplied a demand ignorant alike of promise and fulfillment."

"I wish you needed me," she said in a pale voice.

"Even the most fastidious women, he reflected, sometimes talk like serials."

"To all good doctors disease is mystery."

"Those perfect women invariably have ends in their lives."

"What a lot we know about everything except life."

"A strange codeless race, women. Always ready to sacrifice themselves—and every one else—to the thing they love."

COUNSEL CRITICISES WITNESSES.

CLOSING STAGES OF YAUMATI BUILDING CASE.

"INHERENTLY IMPROBABLE."

The closing stages of the building action which has been engaging the attention of Sir Henry Gollan and counsel for some time were reached this morning at the Supreme Court when counsel made their final addresses following the completion of the evidence.

The claim is one in connexion with the building of 15 European-style houses at Yaumati, the contractor claiming \$7,000 under the building contract and \$19,187 for extra work against the owner. The owner counter claims for \$8,770, for defective work, and omissions.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin is for the plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter K. C. for the defendant.

Further questions were put to Mr. O. B. Raven by Mr. Jenkin this morning before Mr. Eldon Potter addressed His Lordship.

Counsel said that the question of the extra divided itself into two parts as far as they were concerned. Were the works claimed for by the plaintiff really extras, and if so, which he submitted they were not, did the defendant order them within the meaning of the cases cited?

The questions of the case largely turned on the credibility of the witnesses which could be tested by various facts which had emerged and which could not be disputed.

A "Dirty" Case.

So far as the plaintiff was concerned it was a "dirty" case, if counsel might use the phrase. Every endeavour had been made to fight the case and yet the motive did not seem to be a too impelling one. It must not be forgotten that the whole claim was for only \$26,000 and in connexion with that sum the plaintiff was one of four partners and would only be liable for about \$6,000 himself.

The case was one in which witnesses had been guilty of exaggeration. He did not suppose there was a case heard anywhere where witnesses were not guilty of this as people were sometimes tempted to say a little too much under the stress of cross examination.

The plaintiff's story with regard to the estimates created suspicion in one's mind. His story was that before any work was done the estimates were taken to the defendant who agreed to the price. He had stuck to that story—the story that the first time the estimates were taken down they were agreed and settled. That in itself was inherently improbable. The whole foundation of the case was the estimates themselves. The story of the estimates had shown that the plaintiff was prepared to tell untruths to support his claim for extras.

The case is proceeding.

ATTEMPT TO SWINDLE FATHER?

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST YOUTH.

Charges of an uncommon character, said to involve a remarkable attempt to swindle his father, were preferred against a Chinese youth named Lau Sing-fook, who appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning at the Central Magistracy.

From the charges, it would appear that Lau presented himself, with a document purporting to be the last will and testament of his father, at the office of a local solicitor, through whom, he later received Probate as the executor of his father's will.

In the process of negotiations between the solicitor and the Supreme Court, Lau was required to make certain declarations on oath before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Commissioner of oaths before the necessary paper could be granted to him.

Armed with the necessary papers, it appears, Lau attempted to draw from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, a sum of \$1,500 deposited there in his father's name. It is surmised that the hitch occurred here, Lau being questioned and later detained by the police. Subsequent enquiries revealed that the young man's father was alive and well in the country.

Before the Magistrate this morning, four charges were preferred against defendant, the first being that of producing a document which proved to be forged, the second with attempting to obtain \$1,500 by false pretences, and the third and fourth were for taking oaths and making statements which were false, with intent to deceive and defraud.

ESCAPE OF GAS IN KOWLOON.

FIVE PEOPLE FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.

THREE HOSPITAL CASES.

A curious story of how five persons were "gassed" in a house in Kowloon was given in this morning's police report.

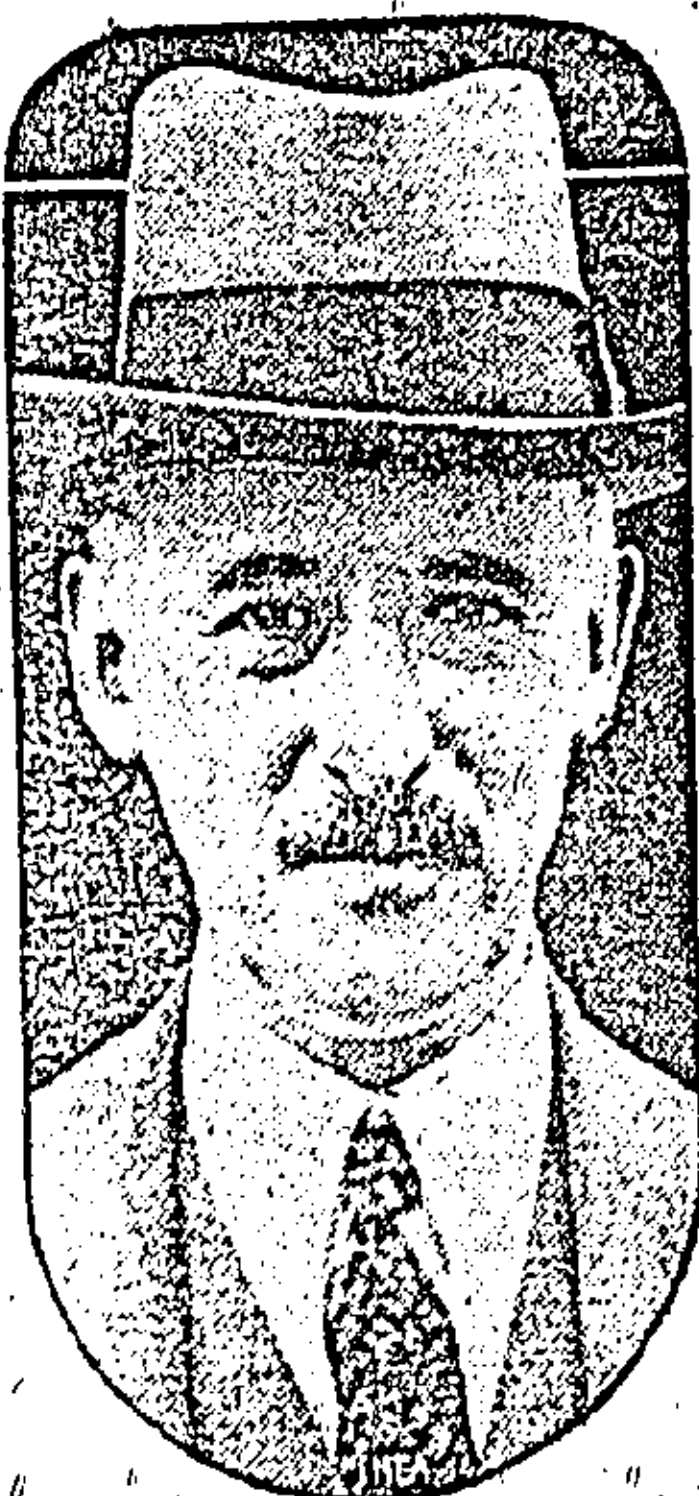
According to the report, the Kowloon Fire Brigade received an alarm to the effect that fire had broken out in a house in Canton Road. The alarm resulted in the Brigade hurrying immediately to the scene, but on arrival there were no signs of a fire.

It would appear, from the report, that prior to the arrival of the Brigade, a small fire was observed outside the premises by the police, who discovered that a disused gas pipe, from which gas was escaping, was the cause of the fire.

The police entered the ground floor of No. 96, when they found five of the inmates of the house in an unconscious condition, having been "gassed" as a result of the leakage near the premises.

Exactly how long these persons had been unconscious is not known, but three of them were in a condition which necessitated their removal to hospital.

NEW GOVERNOR.



Henry L. Stimson of New York, former Secretary of War, mediator in Nicaragua, and close friend of the late Major-General Leonard Wood, who was recently appointed Governor-General of the Philippines by President Coolidge.

RUSSIAN LEADERS IN EXILE.

"URGENTLY REQUESTED" TO DEPART.

Berlin, Jan. 11. The Moscow correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt gives details of the banishment of the ex-Communist leaders whose exile to remote spots in Russia was announced by Reuter on Tuesday.

Thirty prominent members of the Opposition were informed on January 3rd, that they would be deported immediately to remote places in European and Asiatic Russia, and simultaneously the principal leaders were "urgently requested" to depart for certain specified regions.

For instance, Trotsky, Astrakhan and Bakovsky were requested to leave for a village in the Wladkas, three hundred miles from a railway station, Iadok and Kamenoff were ordered to go to different villages near Tobolsk, while Zinoviev was assigned to Uralsk.

The deportees are being allowed seventeen kopeks daily. Up to the present, the banishment of these leaders has been kept a close secret from the Russian public.—Reuter.

JAPANESE VESSEL'S BEACHING.

WATER NOW ABOVE SCREW TUNNEL.

Although the s.s. Fukuju Maru lying beached at Shamsulpo as the result of yesterday's collision with a launch, is at present in no danger, it is reported to-day that she has been making water all night, and it has now passed above the screw tunnel.

Talkoo dock appliances are in attendance and it is understood that arrangements have been made for re-floating the vessel, and for her docking for necessary repairs within the next 48 hours.

A denunciatory enquiry into the circumstances, fully reported on another page, was held at the Harbour Office this morning.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

More about the B.B.C.—Brahms Sonata in F Minor—Percy Grainger.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

It was mentioned in these notes recently that the success of the London "Proms" this season, under the auspices of the B.B.C., made it safe to count upon their continuance. Almost immediately afterwards it transpired that the B.B.C. had issued a statement that there was still an uncertainty regarding their future. It is difficult to understand this, in view of the support they received, and it has apparently caused some surprise in musical circles at Home.

An amusing instance of the endeavours made by the B.B.C. to ensure that composers shall get whatever royalties are due to them is mentioned by Hannen Swaffer in the *Sunday Express*. A man named Emmett Adams was credited with 13s. 4d. and 6s. 4d. by the B.B.C., which sums were included in the amount of a cheque sent to him by the Performing Right Society for broadcasting rights in respect of two pieces which he did not remember having composed. They were called "Comrades in Arms" and "Comrades Song of Hope." By now, he has doubtless returned the money! If any readers of the *Hongkong Telegraph* know the whereabouts of the proper composer and put the B.B.C. in touch with him, I have no doubt their efforts will be appreciated.

Musical Opinion gives another instance of the punctiliousness of the B.B.C. When the *Balcory Scene* from "Romeo and Juliet" was recently broadcast, the performers had to withstand pertinacious demands for the name of the publishers of the piece. The information that the author was William Shakespeare conveyed no meaning to the enquirer.

The latest issue of Columbia records included Brahms' Sonata for Piano in F minor, Op. 5, played by Percy Grainger, as clear in its recording as the Chopin Sonata in B minor, also by him, which created such interest when the new recording was just coming in. Brahms does not make the appeal to the popular mind that some of the other great musicians do. Appreciation of his music was at first, and to a certain extent still is, confined to a smaller circle than that which applauds Schumann, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, etc. His works cover the whole range of orchestral, choral, chamber music, instrumental and vocal compositions, and with the single exception of Wagner, he stands head and shoulders above his contemporaries.

The Sonata in F minor is the most widely played of his piano compositions. Programme music was anathema to Brahms, and yet in this work he has "explained" the second movement in a line or so of German, from which we infer that "in the deepening twilight there are two hearts in love entwined, holding themselves with Leisings crowned." It is an inadequate translation.

Maestro Paci, the Italian pianist and conductor of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra, indulges in wild extravaganzas of the imagination in giving his conception of this movement. After playing it at a recital in Vienna, M. Paci was reproved by a lady for having performed such an "academic" work as the Brahms Sonata. Paci grew wildly excited and became most indignant when she attempted to justify the adjective. "Come! Come with me," said he, shaking with emotion and leading her into the empty concert hall; "I will show you where the Brahms Sonata is."

"Academic" indeed! While he seated himself again at the piano he made the luckless lady sit near by, and then proceeded to play through the six pages of the second movement, giving descriptive comments on the meaning of the phrases, how the opening portrayed the stillness of the moonlight scene, where the girl's voice came in and where the man's, how they murmured both at the same time. As Paci became wrapped in the piece and increasingly eloquent on the subject of the lovers' behaviour, he forgot the existence of the lady by his side. He has an idea that she endured it as far as Page 4.

But when he turned round at the conclusion of the movement, with its emotional climax, he found she had fled from the room. Nevertheless, M. Paci is convinced that his critic had revised her opinion of the Sonata in F minor!

Speaking of Brahms reminds me of the occasion when a lecturer was to address a Kentish Men's Institute on the subject of "Brahms." The acting Chairman, who was one of the villagers, introduced the speaker with the remark:—"Mr. ... has been good

AMERICA'S HUGE NAVY PROJECT.

MR. WILBUR'S STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION.

TO SPEND \$725,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 11.

The essential considerations of national defence on the one hand and of the influence of "showing the flag" on the prospects of American merchants seeking trade expansion, on the other, are the two points urged by Mr. Wilbur, the Navy Secretary, in a statement to the Naval Committee.

The statement sets forth the reasons why the Navy Committee should support the United States' G. \$725,000,000 naval construction plan, embracing the laying down of 25 new 10,000-ton cruisers, five aircraft carriers, nine destroyer leaders and 32 submarines.

Great Britain's Attitude.

The Naval Secretary emphasises that the United States programme is in no way competitive, though consideration has been taken of the programmes of other nations. Mr. Wilbur declares that Great Britain's insistence upon adequate cruiser tonnage, regardless of the plans of the Powers, was the most persuasive evidence that the United States also definitely needed cruiser tonnage regardless of the other Powers' programmes.

The report adds that twenty-two cruisers displacing 1,641,000 tons should be replaced as obsolete, and emphasises once again that displacement and armament as laid down in the Washington Treaty would be respected.

It is understood that the programme will be spread over five years.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW GOVERNOR OF SEYCHELLES.

MR. DE SYMONS HONEY APPOINTED.

London, Jan. 11.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Mr. de Symons Honey, C.M.G., Resident Commissioner of Swaziland, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Seychelles, in succession to the late Sir Malcolm Stevenson.—British Wireless.

[The new Governor of Seychelles was born in 1872. He served in the B. S. A. Company's expedition to Mashonaland from 1891 to 1893, was with the B. C. African Administration from the latter year to 1896, the Transvaal Customs Department in 1901 and the Native Affairs Department in 1902. He has since served in Swaziland, being appointed Resident Commissioner in 1917.]

enough to come down here to talk to us about Brahms. I—er—don't know exactly what Brahms are, and I daresay some of you too are in the dark, but I have no doubt we shall know more about 'em by the end of the evening."

And speaking of Percy Grainger, the writer chanced to see him on Cannon Street platform in August, 1914, waiting for the same train as himself. With that idiotic hero-worship which besets some of us at times, as evidenced by the crowds of autograph-hunters and others that hang round artists' rooms and stage doors after concerts and plays, I followed him into a carriage, sat down beside him and proceeded to make himself a nuisance. "Excuse me, are you Mr. Percy Grainger? I—had the pleasure of hearing your recital at the Aeolian Hall on April 29th, 1913. You played the Brahms Sonata Op. 5, 'Paradise Birds' of Cyril Scott, Franck's Prelude, Aria and Fugue, 'Islam' of Balakirev, and your own Walking Tune." Grainger looked at me as though I ought to be in a Home, but, having concluded that I was harmless, he entered into a conversation which lasted as far as Tonbridge, mainly on the subject of his compositions. These are mostly adaptations of English folk tunes and Morris dances, some of which, e.g. "Shepherd's Hey" have attained international vogue. He said he was an intimate friend of Grieg, and learnt the solo part of the Grieg Concerto from the composer while staying with him in Norway. Grainger was shortly going to the States on tour, and while over there became an American citizen (he was an Australian by birth), remaining in that country for some years.

Adverting to the subject of the Brahms record, it appears that Messrs. Anderson's have sold all their copies but more are due next month.

INDIAN SCHOOL PRIZE DAY.

MR. ARCULLI'S TALK ON EDUCATION.

LEARNING TO THINK.

The annual distribution of prizes won during the year by pupils attending the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, Sookunpo, took place this morning in the school hall when the successful scholars received their awards from Mr. A. el Arculli. Others present included Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Headmaster, and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. J. Ralston and Mr. Bishen Singh.

Annual Report.

The annual report, read by the Headmaster, stated:

Attendance.—During the year, which ended on December 31st, 1927, the School was opened 225 times, the same number as in 1926. The maximum enrolment increased by 2 to 114 and the average attendance increased from 98 to 107.56.

The Staff.—The only change in the staff was made in February when I took over from Mr. Ralston.

The Building.—The Public Works Department made a complete overhaul of the School during the summer holidays. They also installed a much-needed flush system for the masters.

Discipline.—Discipline is distinctly good, the prefects as usual being of great assistance in the playgrounds.

Studies.—At the annual examination all boys in Class 4 passed. In the lower Classes, 92% passed. Seven boys failed. Throughout the School, written work is neatly done. Reading, Colloquial and Recitation continue to be good. Dictation is fair, while Arithmetic and Grammar require attention, especially in Classes 4 and 5. Geography is good and is a very popular Subject in Class 4. Urdu is improving slowly but steadily.

Sports.—Almost every boy in the School plays cricket, football and ping pong. At our annual sports, with the exception of two boys, every pupil entered for some event. Physical drill is taught every morning by an instructor kindly lent by the Hon. Capt. Superintendent of Police. Twenty minutes exercise daily is bound to have a beneficial effect on the health of the pupils. The health has been very good throughout the year.

Garden.—The School garden is in a flourishing condition. This is due chiefly to the interest Mr. Bishen Singh takes in it. We have been very fortunate in having no damage to repair after the heavy rains. Birds and slugs have, however, eaten most of the cabbages and lettuces.

I should like to state that in 1927, 43 boys received free education in this School. The Government provided 8 Free Scholarships and the rest remaining 35 were paid from monies donated by the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. W. Rumbhah and Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze. I wish to thank the Indian community for their generosity in providing prizes for the sports, and the I.R.C. for lending us their ground for our sports and for cricket matches during the winter. Lastly, I have to thank all the Masters for their loyal co-operation throughout the year.

(Continued on Page 5.)

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Of what ship is it claimed that her big guns outrange any naval guns in the world?
2. When will 1927 coins cease to be minted?
3. What was known as "Morton's fork"?
4. How far is the Thames navigable, and what place does the tide reach?
5. Which country is the Empire's dairy?
6. Through what stages of life do winged insects pass?
7. What is the maximum sentence of imprisonment that can be imposed by a Court of Petty Sessions?
8. Which is the highest mountain system in the world?
9. Name the saints whose anniversaries are kept on the three days following Christmas Day.
10. What was the fatal bird killed in "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?
11. What is the Koh-i-Noor?
12. Give the literal translation of the French expression, "table d'hôte."

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INTERPORT TEAM.

DEFEATED BY R.N.
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A POOR PERFORMANCE.

[By "Wanderer"]

After the deserved defeat of the Interport Eleven by a combined team of the R.N. and R.A.F. yesterday, it needs only the success of the "The Rest" on Saturday, to satisfy us on the score of the team's prospects in Shanghai. True, Wynne, Gosano and the Rev. Alexander were absent, but Chan Kwong-uk's inclusion would never be regarded as weakening the left wing, while the other substitutes have been selected to accompany the team as reserves and should therefore be capable of taking their place in the side to adequate satisfaction.

Sims was the only player to shine for the Interports. He kept Vernon in subjection more or less throughout, but he could not prevent Knight and Jones from bursting through in the first half to give the R.N. and R.A.F. a two goals lead at the interval. The Service team was better together, though why this should be the case is difficult to see. The forwards were lively on the ball and Knight and Jones were always troublesome. Neither Xaylor, nor Lai Yuk-tat performed according to expectation and it was not surprising therefore that Clarke had no chance with the shots.

After the interval, McNiven netted for the Interport Team and Knight accepted a pass from Perke and again defeated Clarke. The ball struck the inside of the post and rebounded into goal, but it was a good goal.

The Interport half-back line did well up to a point, Sims being outstanding. The forwards were haphazard, erratic in shooting and in passing, and were never so dangerous as those of the opposition.

It is confirmed that Bob Wynne will be unable to go to Shanghai with the Hongkong team, Ng Kam-chuen being selected last night to fill the vacancy.

Up to the present, I have not ventured a criticism of the Interport team as chosen, but it does appear to be pertinent that the Selection Committee having broken the perfect understanding between Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-uk in order to include the Rev. Alexander, it would have proved an asset to the team if the K.O.S.B. left-winger had played alongside Suen in the few recent games to give both an opportunity of learning each other's likely moves.

Shield Entries.

The following entries have been received for the H.K.A. Challenge Shield:—Seniors—H.K. Football Club, Kowloon F.C., Police, Chinese Athletic, Scots Guards, R.A.F., R.A., Recreio and South China.

Juniors—H.K.F.C., Kowloon F.C., Chinese Athletic, Scots Guards, R.A., Recreio, South China "A" and "B" teams.

It will be seen by the above entries that the K.O.S.B. and Queen's Regt. are not taking part in the Shield Competitions this season. Probably this is an oversight on the part of the two Military League teams.

The draw for the competition was deferred until the return of the Interport team from Shanghai.

League Decision Altered.

On appeal by the Kowloon Football Club, a decision of the League Management Committee awarding the points connected with a postponed match, with the Chinese Athletic has been quashed, and the match will be played in due course. The fine also imposed will stand.

CHINA ENTERS DAVIS CUP.

TO COMPETE IN AMERICAN ZONE.

Paris, Jan. 11.
The French Lawn Tennis Association has received China's entry in the Davis Cup Competition. China will compete in the American Zone.

The total entries are now 21, of which number 18 are in the European Zone.—Reuter.

SUCCESSFUL INDIAN SPORTS.

SCHOOL'S ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

Perfect weather prevailed for the annual sports of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians which were held yesterday afternoon. Some capital sport was witnessed. At the conclusion, the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by the Headmaster, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, who expressed thanks to the members of the Indian community who had so generously donated the prize fund. He also thanked the I.R.C. committee for continued favour, in allowing the boys the use of the ground.

The Results.

The results were:—
High Jump (Senior).—1, Dost Mohamed; 2, O. el Arculli.
High Jump (Junior).—1, Amin Bachoo; 2, Samet Yusuf.
Three-Legged Race (Senior).—1, S. Hassan and E. K. Markar.
Three-Legged Race (Junior).—1, Majid Rahman and Samet Yusuf.
100 yds. (Junior).—1, S. Hassan; 2, Dawood Ali.
100 yds. (Junior).—1, A. Bachoo; 2, M. Rahman.
Sack Race (Senior).—1, E. K. Markar; 2, S. Hassan.
Sack Race (Junior).—1, Hashim Ahmed; 2, M. Rahman.
220 yds. (Senior).—1, S. Hassan; 2, Dawood Ali.
220 yds. (Junior).—1, A. Bachoo; 2, Wazir Gull.
Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, O. el Arculli.
Class 8 Race (Handicap).—1, M. Barkat; 2, M. Shah.
Half Mile (Junior).—1, Darshan Singh; 2, Dost Mohamed.
Quarter Mile (Junior).—1, Amin Bachoo; 2, A. K. Karamat.
Class 7 Race.—1, Abdou; 2, M. Syad.
Arithmetic Race (Upper School).—1, Wazir Gull; 2, Hari Singh.
Arithmetic Race (Lower School).—1, Gurdial Singh; 2, Darshan Singh.
Masters' Race (220 yds. Handicap).—1, Mr. Hardit Singh.
One Mile (Open).—1, A. K. Karamat; 2, Dost Mohamed; 3, (Special), S. M. Bux.
Old Boys' Race. (440 yds.).—1, D. Mohamed; 2, J. Cassimboy.
Consolation Race.—1, S. M. Rumjahn.
Senior Championship.—Dost Mohamed.
Junior Championship.—Amin Bachoo.
Challenge Cups.—U. Rumjahn Senior Championship Cup and Old Boys' (H.K.E.C.) Gold medal, Dost Mohamed. Old Boys' (H.K.E.C.) Junior Championship Cup and Gold medal, Amin Bachoo.
Sir Ellis Kadoorie 100 yds. Challenge Cup, S. Hassan. O. Kitchell 220 yds. Challenge Cup, S. Hassan.
Wing On Quarter Mile Junior Challenge Cup, Amin Bachoo.
Fred Ellis Half-mile Challenge Cup, Darshan Singh. Sir Ellis Kadoorie One Mile Challenge Cup, A. K. Karamat.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

The H.K.C.C. annual tennis tournament is to commence on March 1st, the entries closing on February 4th. The events are:

1.—Men's Championship Singles. Entrance Fee, \$3. Open to any player resident in the Colony. Challenge Cup, kindly presented by the late Sir G. P. Chater, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same player three years in succession. (Holder S. A. Rumjahn 1927).
2.—Men's Championship Doubles. Entrance Fee, \$3 each player. Open to any player resident in the Colony. Two Challenge Cups kindly presented by Mr. Ho Kom Tong, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same pair three years in succession. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to restrict the number of entries in the above events if too numerous.
The following events are open to members and subscribers of the Club only:
3.—Club Championship. Entrance Fee, \$2.50. Play in this event will commence on Monday, 20th February. All rounds best of 3 sets, except Semi-Final, best of 5 sets.
4.—Handicap Singles "A."—Entrance Fee, \$2.50.
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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Matches to be played on January 14th—

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Burnley	v	Aston Villa.
Wolves	v	Chelsea.
Manch. City	v	Leeds U.
Cardiff	v	Southampton.

GOLF.

ALL-INDIA CHAMPIONSHIP.

Calcutta, Dec. 27.
J. Anderson (Royal, Calcutta) won the All-India Amateur Golf Championship by defeating C. B. Hingston (Tollygunge); 1 up.

There will be a debate at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday on the motion, "That a man becomes rich as a result of chance rather than ability or industry." The motion will be proposed by Mr. P. Sands, M.A., and seconded by Mr. T. J. Price, and will be opposed by Dr. F. Ashton, M.D., seconded by Mr. A. E. Lea.

reserve the right to make one class of Events 4 and 5 and to put any player in either event.

6.—Handicap Doubles. Entrance Fee, \$2 each player. The Committee reserve the right to make two classes of Event 6 if there are a large number of entries.

7.—Mixed Handicap Doubles. Entrance Fee, \$2 each player.

INDIAN SCHOOL PRIZE DAY.

(Continued from Page 7.)

The Prize Winners.

Class 4.—1st Prize and Government Scholarship tenable at Queen's College for three years, Gurbux Singh. 2nd Prize and Government Scholarship tenable at Queen's College for three years, Ellis Kadoorie Scholarship tenable at Queen's College for one year, Kasha Nazarin.

Class 5.—1st Prize, Composition Prize, and Government Scholarship tenable at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians for one year, Yusuf Shamsuddin. 2nd Prize, A. K. Karamat. Urdu Prize, Mahkan Singh.

Class 6.—1st Prize, Composition Prize, and Government Scholarship tenable at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians for one year, Nazir Ahmed. Composition and Urdu Prizes, Darshan Singh.

Class 8A.—1st Prize, and Government Scholarship tenable at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians for one year, Sheikh Hussan. 2nd Prize, S. A. Ismail. Composition, Naranjan Singh.

Class 8B.—1st Prize, and Government Scholarship tenable at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians for one year, Sheikh Hussan. 2nd Prize, S. A. Ismail. Composition, Naranjan Singh.

Mr. Arculli's Speech.

After distributing the prizes, Mr. Arculli said he thought they would all agree with him that the report was very satisfactory. The masters and the boys of the school must be congratulated, especially Class 4, which had done so well in the recent annual examinations.

They were sorry that Mr. Ralston was leaving them, and they were glad to see him present. He had done much for the school, not only in the classroom but also in the playground. He had caused the vacant piece of ground at the back of the school to be covered over so that the boys could have a place to play on in wet or dry weather. Mr. Ralston had been transferred to King's College and their best wishes went with him in his new sphere of work (Applause).

Speaking with regard to the work, Mr. Arculli continued that he noticed there were a few subjects which required attention. Those were dictation, arithmetic and grammar. As to dictation and grammar, he would like to suggest a possible way in which the boys could help themselves, especially during their holidays. His suggestion was that they should make use of the books in the school library. The books had been selected by Mr. Ralston and he (Mr. Arculli) was sure that if the boys would read them, their spelling and English would improve considerably.

As regards arithmetic, he did not know of anything to make for improvement outside the classroom, but he thought if the boys who were backward in that subject were made to keep the cricket scores in the matches they played they would improve.—(Laughter).

Dealing with the object of schooling, Mr. Arculli went on to say they did not attend school merely for the purpose of learning to read, write, and do sums. They were sent to school, which was a small world of masters and school-mates, to learn to do their work properly and with credit to themselves. They would be asked to do this, when they left school, to take their place in the world of men of all races, all classes and all religions.

The chief aim of education was to make them think for themselves and to make use of their brains and minds. If they used their brains and minds properly, they would appreciate that while others might differ from them in views as to religion or otherwise, other peoples' views should be worthy of respect.

Education Appreciated.

Mr. Arculli went on to tell a story concerning the way in which education was appreciated. He had the pleasure recently, he said, of meeting a gentleman well known to many of them, Mr. Senil Hall Singh, a well known Indian writer, from whom he (Mr. Arculli) received the story. The story was that Mr. Senil was in London during the Great War and he used to have as guests Indian soldiers on leave from the battlefield. One day some soldiers said to Mr. Senil: "It has always been a matter of wonder to us that the English civilians who have joined up take so readily to a soldier's life. They make as good soldiers in six months as we do in six years. We have thought the matter over, and we have come to the conclusion it is because they have been

KOWLOON MOTOR BUSES.

A NEW ROUTE ANNOUNCED.

Residents of Kowloon will be interested to learn that a new bus route, to be known as No. 10, will link up the thickly-crowded districts of Yau-matli and Mongkok, which are the Chinese business and residential localities. At present "No. 10" is maintained by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. It runs parallel to Nathan Road, but is nearer the harbour and therefore more convenient to the Chinese. The route is from the "Star" ferry wharf, to Canton Road, Jordan Road, Shanghai Street (to its end), Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City, and return the same way. It will thus be seen that the buses will go quite close to Shamshuipo before turning off to Kowloon City.

The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. also announces a change in the "No. 2" route, as follows: Instead of going straight into Taiipo Road from Nathan Road, the buses will turn into Prince Edward Road and Laichikok Road (Shamshuipo), thence to Namcheong Street and Taiipo Road to Cheungshawan and Laichikok. Instead of going straight along to Laichikok, "No. 2" will connect up Shamshuipo as well. There will be no change in the number or position of stopping places on that part of Taiipo Road which is now avoided by reason of the change, and additional localities will be served.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Denial of Firing.

His Worship: Are you denying that you ever fired any shot?—Yes.

You don't attempt to explain why your gun which has five chambers, has an empty shell?—

Accused made no statement relative to that point.

The third charge in the list of indictments was an alternative count, that of shooting at the constable to evade arrest. To this the accused had nothing to add beyond what he had already stated in reply to the other charges.

The fourth charge was that of being in unlawful possession of a loaded revolver.

To this, accused, stated that Chan Yau handed the weapon to him in a public latrine at the Chinese Recreation Ground at Hollywood Road.

Accused was then committed to the February Criminal Sessions.

[Arising out of the same shooting affair, Kwan Hung-sun, another man arrested by the police the same morning, is being charged with the murder of the police constable Wan Wong-chi before Major C. Willson in the other Court. Hearing of this case was resumed this afternoon, the commitment of this man to the same Sessions being also asked for.]



There's no use working yourself to death to make a living.

given education and taught to think for themselves.

That, said Mr. Arculli, was true and the boys of that school must learn to think for themselves. If they could do so much with education in the battlefield, how much more could they do in the battle of life? He urged them to remember that they did not come to school to "crum" but to use their minds and brains to think with, not only in connexion with their school work but also in their everyday life.

Concluding, Mr. Arculli wished the scholars a happy holiday and expressed the hope that when they returned they would pay special attention to the subjects in which they were weak. They had a very good record and he was pleased to see the progress they had made. He was sure that there would be an even better report next year.

Cheers were then given for Mr. Arculli, Mr. Wood, Mr. Ralphs, Mr. Sutherland and the visitors.

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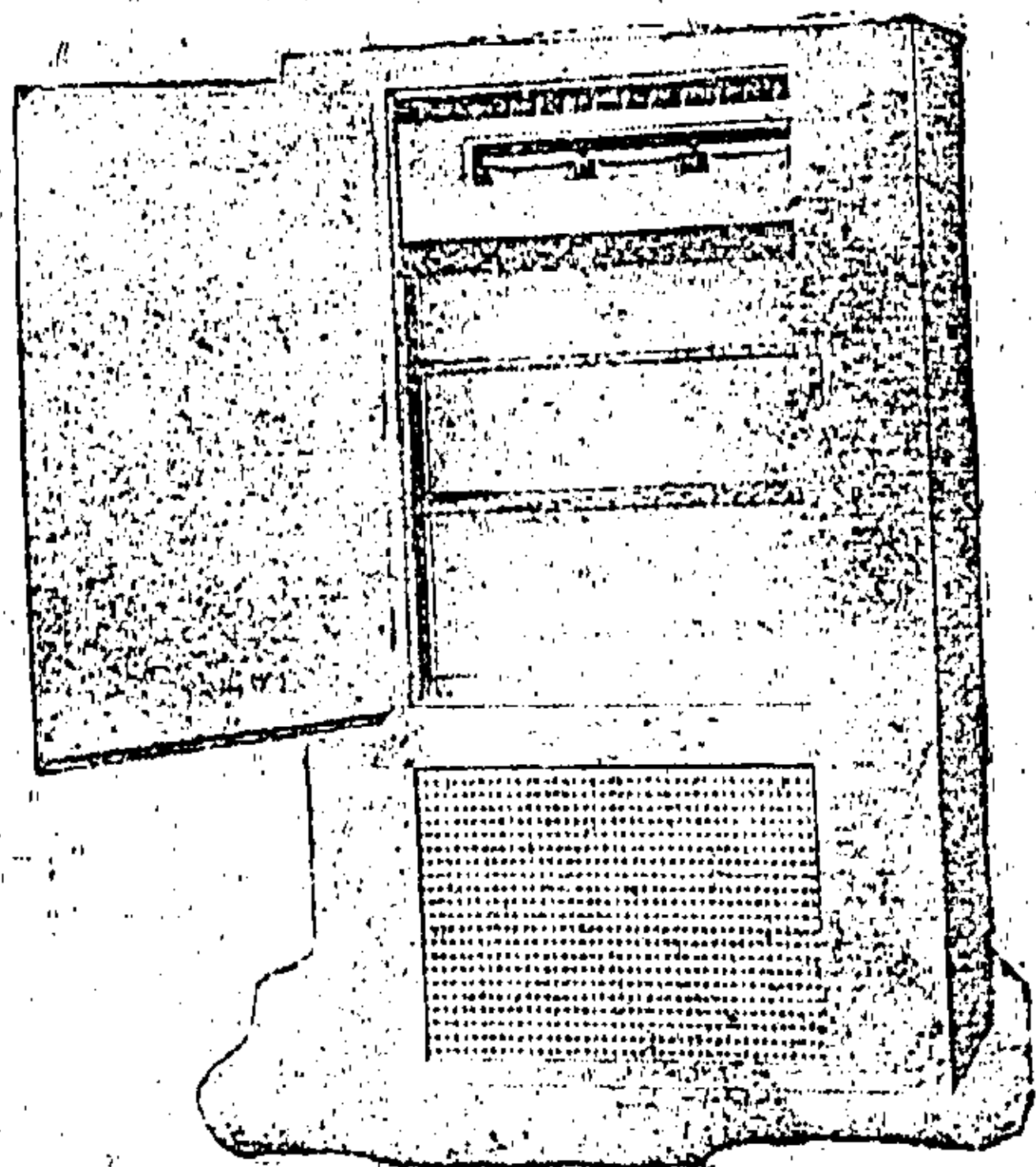
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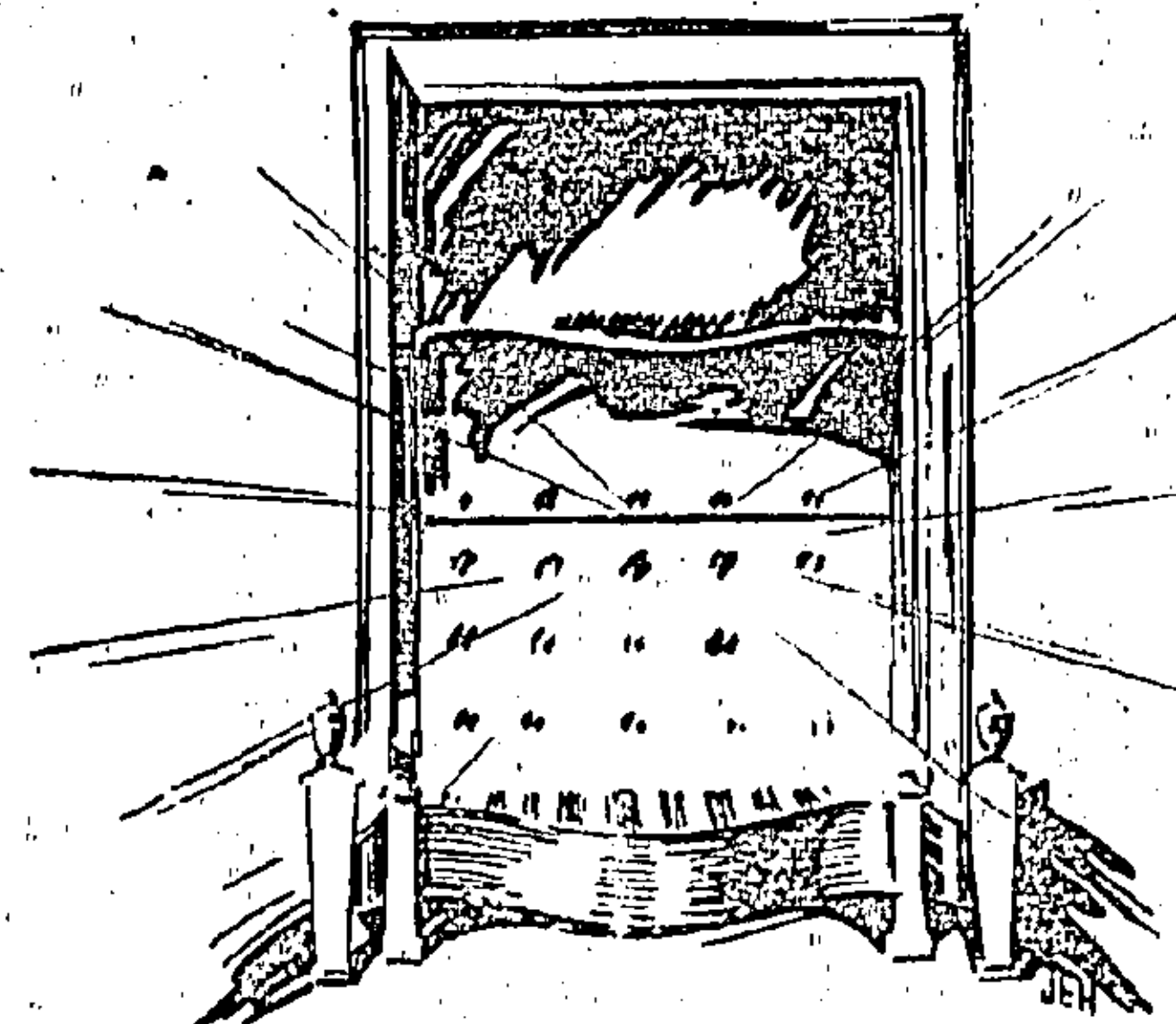
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WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

GRETA NISSEN IS RETURNING
TO STAGE.

"CALL OF THE FOOTLIGHTS."

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 10.
Greta Nissen is rapidly losing
her fascination for the blinding,
dazzling klieg.

The Norwegian actress longs for
the footlights and Broadway—and
probably will return there before
spring.

Miss Nissen, in returning to the
stage, is not following in the foot-
steps of so many other footlight
stars who came to Hollywood,
"flopped" and hastened back to
Broadway again. Greta graduated
from the New York stage. Motion
picture producers made her flat-
tering offers. She trekked
3,000 miles across the coun-
try to this village that has
made grease paint famous.
And she has made good. At present
she is one of the most sought
after actresses in the cinema
colony.

"I have several propositions
from New York stage producers
that I am considering," declares
the blonde star. "And I
also have been offered some
excellent contracts to stay
in pictures. However, the
call of the footlights is the loudest
and I expect they will get me back
again."

"I may go east as soon as I finish
the picture I am now making.
And I may remain here to do one
more picture. By doing that I
will miss the most severe part of
the winter back there."

"In this film I have two leading
men with bedrooms and bathrooms
as my principal settings. Oh—
and lots of romance. It is the most
romantic part I have ever played.
And I like it, even if I do have to
act a bit naughtily in a few of the
sequences."

Greta Nissen came to this
country from Norway just four
years ago. Over there she was a
sensation on the stage. Broadway
gave her a big reception and con-
tinued its ovations. The Viking
beauty loved it. She misses the
applause in her work here. So
she's going back to the footlights
again.

Big Aviation Films.

Plenty of residents of the
edulow hamlet are going to be
up in the air during the next few
months. The reason is that all of
the leading producers are rapidly
completing plans for big aviation
films.

"Wings" started the ball rolling,
just as "The Big Parade" was a
signal for innumerable war films.
Producers steered clear of the fly-
ing movies as long as possible be-
cause of the danger and high cost.
But the public has made known its
desire for things pertaining to
aviation—so actors are now learn-
ing to fly.

The outstanding air production
for the coming year promises to be
"Hell's Angels," a big special
chronicling the exploits of the Ger-
man, French and English aviators
during the war. It is the first war
aviation film to be made that isn't
woven around the American ace.

Howard Hughes, movieland's
youngest producer, is responsible
for "Hell's Angels." Hughes came
here from Houston, Texas, where
he cleaned up a nice pile of real
gold in oil. Using that money as
his foundation, he is going to try
to get more gold out of the movie
industry.

Hughes' plan for the filming of
his production was disclosed after
he had conferred for three days
with H. G. Fokker, builder of the
famous Fokker planes.

Every scene in our picture will
be absolutely authentic," declared
the young producer. "There will
be no miniatures and no 'wire
shots' in it. When we have battle
sequences in the air, they will be
shot there. I have ordered eight-
teen of the Fokker D-type planes
flown by Baron von Richthofen in
his famous flying circus. The ex-
ploits of that great German ace also
will be reproduced in the picture."

"In addition to the Fokkers, I
have purchased twenty planes of
the exact type used by France and
England during the war. They
are now on their way here from
Europe. My outlay in planes
alone already has passed the
\$250,000 mark, which is more than
the majority of completed films
cost."

"Work was started about two
months ago on our flying field
about forty miles from here.
When finished—about Dec. 1—it
will be an exact replica of the
Le Bourget airport in Paris."

Greta Nissen, Ben Lyon, Louis
Wolheim and James Hall will be
featured in the film. Miss Nissen
and Lyon are supposed to have the
leading roles, but it is quite prob-
able that Wolheim will "walk
away" with the picture, just as he
did in "Two Arabian Knights."

Oil has been found on the
estate of Raymond Hutton, Wallace
Beery's comedy teammate, at Mus-
sel Rock, a remote spot on the
northern coast of California.

When Hutton has a vacation he
invariably takes his family to his
beach place at Mussel Rock. The

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

HOW FOOD CONTAMINATION
IS FOUGHT.

TESTS OF PERSONS.

In the early part of the present
century men suddenly discovered
that food was being prepared with-
out any reference to the possibility
of danger to human life from con-
tamination or from adulteration.

Then came the passage of the
pure food law and intense research
in laboratories all over the world
to find out means of preservation
that would be harmless and means
of preparation that would aid di-
gestion.

One of the most important points
to realize is the necessity of using
sound, fresh and clean raw prod-
ucts to begin with. Then con-
tamination from shipping or hand-
ling must be absolutely controlled.

Food Handlers.

In Newark, New Jersey, between
1920 and 1925, the number of 29-
369 restaurant employees were ex-
amined by the health department
and 2819 examined by private
physicians. During the same
period 6877 milk dealers were ex-
amined by the department and 2992
by private physicians. Of these the
health department rejected 155 per-
sons for tuberculosis and 45 for
other diseases.

When the possibility of infection
of others is considered the impor-
tance of the elimination of this
considerable number of infected
food handlers becomes apparent.

During the same time these per-
sons were subjected to tests for the
presence of diphtheria germs in the
nose and throat and also to blood
tests for the presence of typhoid
fever.

Since all the tests were negative
these two forms of examination
have been discontinued. Neverthe-
less the presence of diphtheria and
of typhoid carriers among people
is well-known, and it will probably
be necessary to eliminate infected
food handlers with these diseases
through the report of recent infec-
tion with either of the two diseases
concerned, or by the far more
wasteful method of making exami-
nations after disease begins to
appear among the people served.

Making It Safe.

It is a far cry from the day when
Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle"
started every one in the world to
looking upon meat with suspicion
to this modern period when meat
inspection, modern methods of re-
frigeration and shipping, and the
control of food handlers make al-
most anything that can be purchas-
ed safe for human consumption.

The results are a legitimate re-
turn from the tribulations and an-
xieties of the period when Harvey
Wiley, Ladd, Roosevelt and other
pioneers made possible the legisla-
tion that controls conditions to-day.

DIVORCE TO SAVE A HOME.

FRENCH COUPLE TO CUT
RED TAPE.

Paris, Nov. 25.

The harshness of the Napoleonic
laws relating to marriages in
France has just been drawn at-
tention to by a husband and wife
belonging to a prominent French
family, who have filed a suit for
divorce—although happily mar-
ried—in order to obtain sufficient
money on which to live.

This old French law enacts
that if a husband or wife brings
real estate into a marriage con-
tract, the property can neither be
sold nor mortgaged except in the
case of the death or divorce of the
party which brings the property
into the marriage settlement.

Worth \$75,000.

In this particular case the wife
brought in property worth to-day
approximately \$75,000, but the
rents accruing from the property
are based on pre-war leases and
payable in paper francs, and do
not amount to sufficient money to
support the couple.

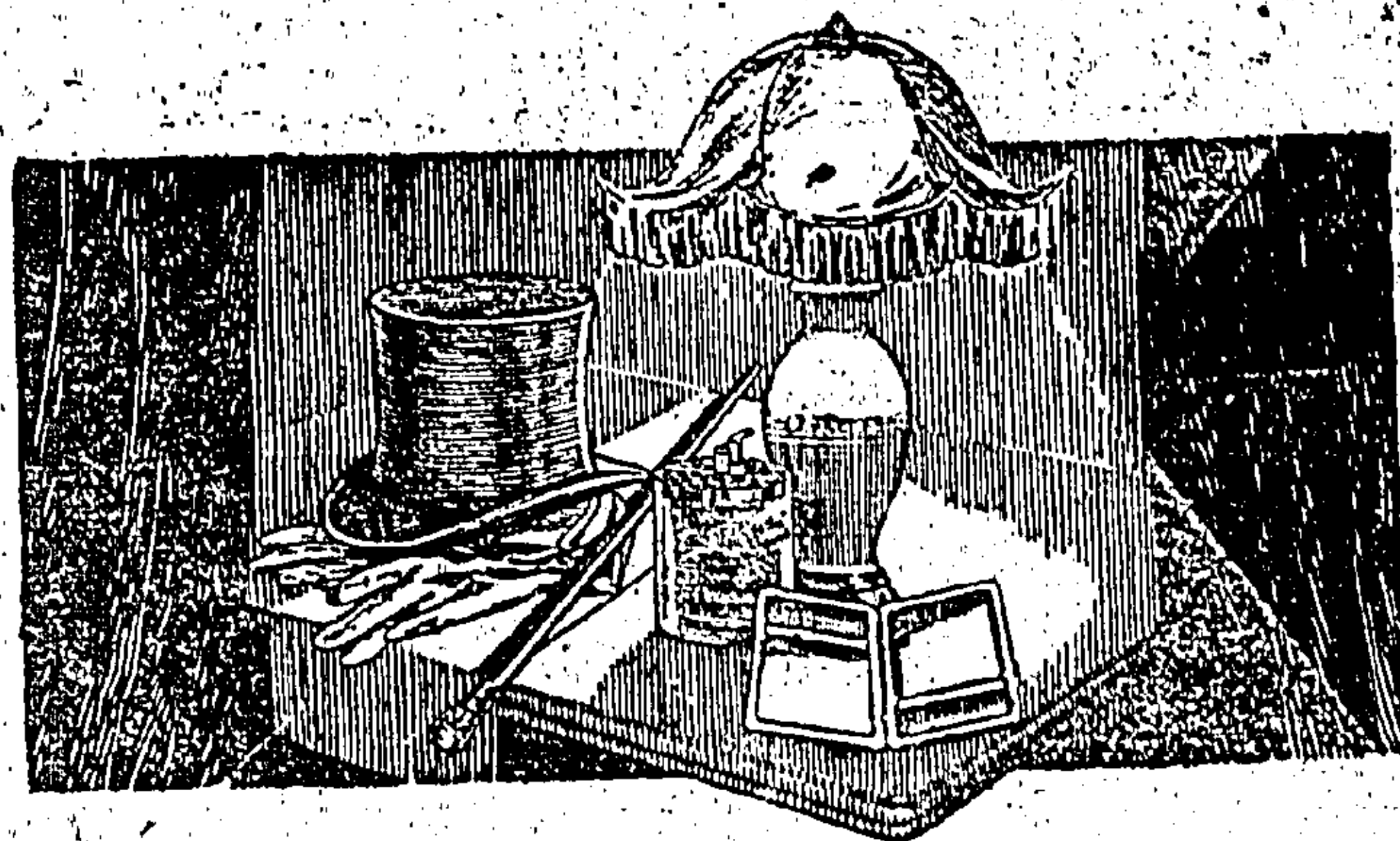
The couple, after trying every
method of obtaining money from
the property, have decided to
divorce, and they have
stated that they will not re-marry,
but will continue to live together.

other day his caretaker wired:
"Oil discovered today at 'Hide Out.'"

Was driven from your property to-
day by Union Oil Company test
well which is flowing at rate of
6,000 barrels daily."

George Bancroft, the berserk of
the blinking pantomime, has re-
turned to his old Broadway on
vacation after three and a half
years in Hollywood. When he
left it was as a stage actor, step-
ping somewhat gingerly into the
untried possibilities of the movies.

He returned still glowing with his
triumph in "Underworld," a full-
ledged Paramount star, with his
kingdom won and the fair promise
of other successes ahead.

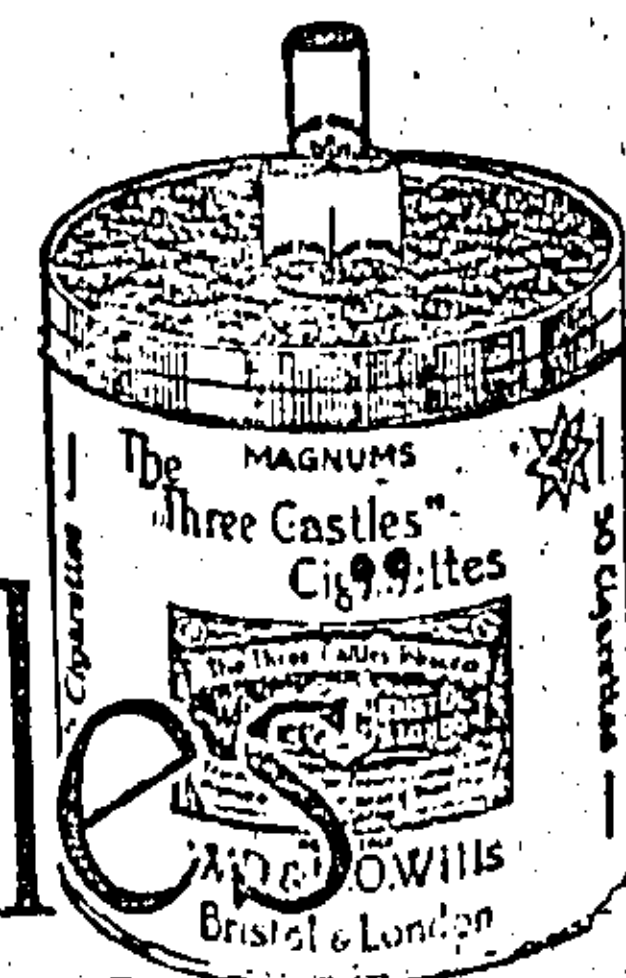


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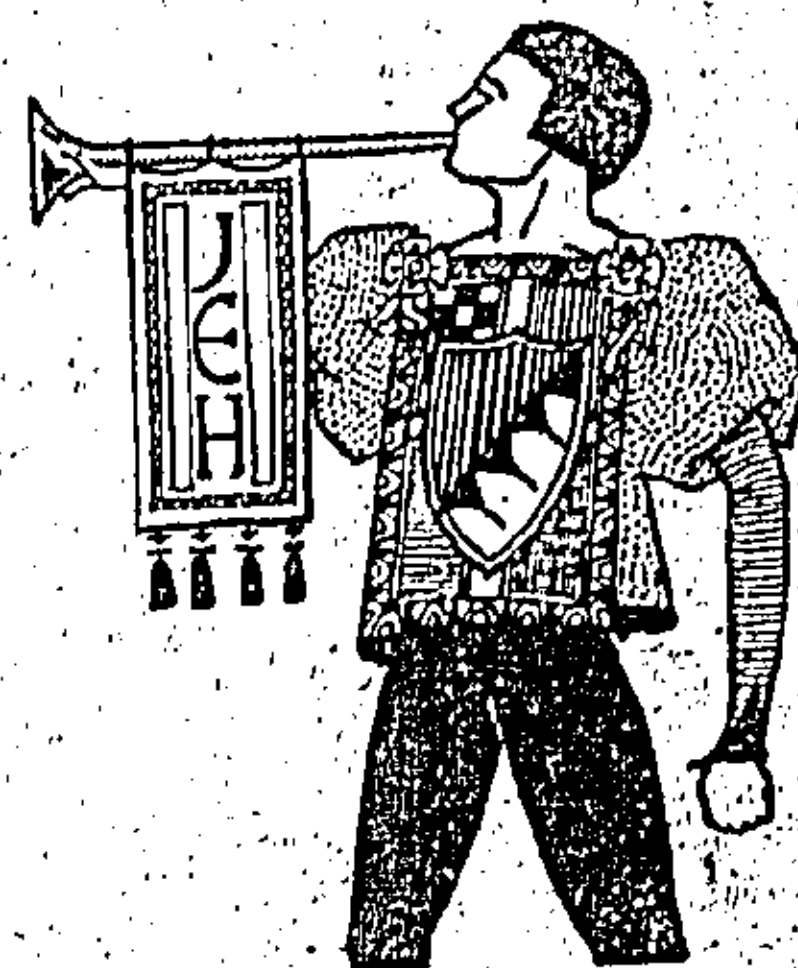
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OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE MOATED GRANGE.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.

Author of "A Mad Marriage," "The House of Doom," "Dony's Dreamer."

CHAPTER XIV.

Mrs. Cronch began a rambling tale of how she had slipped on the stairs and hurt herself. Her suffused eyes, with the blood-shot in them, went wandering around the room as though she sought for inspiration. Suddenly she found it. Dash had followed them upstairs and had stretched himself under Beata's bed.

"Twere him," she said, pointing. "He were a-layin' on the top step an' I trod on him and comed down."

Dash turned over and looked at her with what might have been an accusing eye.

"I don't believe a word of it, Mrs. Cronch," said Beata, with young ruthlessness. "You mustn't take away Dash's character for the purpose of shielding your husband."

A kind of terrified glare came into Mrs. Cronch's eyes. She looked apprehensively at the room. "I wouldn't be sayin' the like, Miss Beata, I wouldn't indeed," she said. "Cronch is a most respectable man—the head of twenty; he was, and might have married well. He never thought he'd come down to the likes of me."

Beata had sometimes wondered why Mr. Cronch should have married Mrs. Cronch, but that was in the early days when her unprepossessing appearance was not counterbalanced by later knowledge of her. Not that Cronch was prepossessing, of course, but he had a curious efficiency, and till lately he had always the look of a trained and perfectly respectable servant. The deterioration in him had been very rapid; it had galloped.

"I expect he married you because he liked you," said Beata, valiantly. Mrs. Cronch's answer was unexpected.

"Miss Beata," she said, "he married me out of pity. So he has told me many a time. 'Twere't likely with your looks you'd ever get a man to marry you for love, he says often, when he has a—"

Mrs. Cronch pulled up hastily, and Beata added in her own mind "drop of drink taken."

Mrs. Cronch floundered. "Was he the head of twenty when you married him, Mrs. Cronch?" Beata asked, innocently. "No, it was a small place," Mrs. Cronch answered in a reminiscent vein.

"There were only one gentleman," she said. "Cronch had been havin' places not to his mind. I'd lived with Mr. Lucas ten years; he were very good to me an' I cooked to his likin'. He left me two hundred pounds when he died. To my faithful servant, Hannah Peggs—that were how he wrote it."

"Oh, and so you married Cronch?" Beata asked, as a writer was interested in the human manifestations.

"You could have knocked me off an' eap, Miss Beata, when he proposed," said Mrs. Cronch. "I thought him lovely, 'im bein' a butler an' all, and he reads the papers beautiful, but I never thought he'd stoop to me."

Beata filled in the gaps for herself. She had discussed the Cronches with her mother in the long evenings when they had so little to talk about. Mrs. de Burgh had remarked that in a love-affair, according to the French, one adores and the other is adored; so when a husband and wife or two sisters took service together, in Mrs. de Burgh's experience there was always one who worked while the other one idled.

"Where is Cronch now?" Beata asked.

Mrs. Cronch got up from the chair into which Beata had placed her. "It's time to be takin' my bread out of the oven," she said. "You've made me forget, Miss Beata, with your talkin'. Cronch, he finds the life here narrier. When he was young he travelled half Europe, an' Asia, Africa, an' America with a sick gentleman. He's invented lovely things. Some time when I'm not busy, and you can spare an hour, I'll show you some of the articles wot he's patented."

She ran off a list like something learnt by heart.

Cronch's Bottomless Egg Spoon. Cronch's Patent Lamp Extinguisher.

Cronch's Plate-Powder, Gloves, and Brush in box for one shilling. Cronch's Sliding Bottoms for Grates.

Cronch's Corkscrew wot Pulls without Breakin'.

"Lots more, Miss Beata," she said. "I'll show you pictures of 'em all. If it hadn't been for a shark in the City wot got my two hundred pounds, me an' Cronch might have been drivin' our carriage instead of enterin' service again. Not wot but Sir Hilary an' her Ladyship were worth servin'."

Cronch's gifts is thrown away here, yet—

Again Beata's quick mind filled the blanks. The advantage of the

Moated Grange had been its remoteness from a public-house. Apparently that no longer existed. "I'll put this pail of water outside," said Beata, "and help you to put down the rugs. I forbid your scrubbing till your hip is all right again."

"Cronch wouldn't like me talkin' about him," said Mrs. Cronch, appealingly. "He says I'm too much of a blab."

She tiptoed to the door and came back again, having closed it and made sure it was fast.

"Listen, dearie," she said. "This here Moated Grange is a lonely spot. Often I've been thinkin' on it. Your mamma don't wear those pearls when she walks abroad now, do she?"

There was an expression at once tender and cunning in her face as she spoke.

She has given up wearing them," Beata answered.

"She keeps them in a safe place, do she now?"

"I think they are in her jewel-case," Beata answered, wondering. Then she remembered the story of Mrs. Cronch's inexplicable behaviour about her mother's pearls. It was that which had induced Mrs. de Burgh to put them away.

"Anyone might pick up a jewel-case," said Mrs. Cronch. "If you'll let me see to my breast, I'll come and show you a place where that jewel-case could be safe. None knows it, not even Cronch. I'd be easier in my mind if they was to be put away. They might be a temptation to some pore soul."

Mrs. de Burgh had not reverted to her first intention of putting her pearls in the bank. She possessed a good deal of jewellery, much of it old-fashioned and in heavy settings, but some very valuable from the beauty and purity of the stones.

Her silver she had left in her Irish bank. Only a day or two before this talk with Mrs. Cronch she had said to Beata that she did not know why she burdened herself with the jewel-case which was so obviously a jewel-case, since she never cared to wear anything but the pearls, and these she had not been wearing of late. What did she want with her grandmother's emeralds and Aunt Sheila's rubies?

Beata had put down the rugs and made the room fairly straight by the time Mrs. Cronch came back.

"The bread was just beginnin' to burn," he said. "Cronch would have been fine and mad with me. He can't abear a burnt loaf. Deary me, you won't be able to sleep in this room with all that blue layin' under the rugs. I'll give it a rare turn-out in a day or two. If you'll be comin' with me now, my honey, I'll show you the little hidin' hole that will just take your mamma's gewgaw box."

Beata put down her duster and went obediently. Mrs. Cronch limped along the corridor, turned a corner, and went down another long corridor, closed by a door at the further end.

Beata glanced at a picture as she passed. The gilt frame bore the superscription:

"Sir Christopher Egerton. Fell at Marston Moor for God and the King."

The brilliant face, with the hint of melancholy in the dark eyes, bore a certain resemblance to the portrait of Sir Hilary Egerton in the pink damask library downstairs.

"Her Ladyship loved the light," said Mrs. Cronch. "Sometimes the sun settin' will dazzle in this yere corridor. That's her Ladyship's boudoir." She indicated a mahogany door set deeply in the white wall facing them. "Her bedroom lays beyond."

She opened the door, revealing a glimpse of a dim room in which everything was wrapped up in linen bugs, or appeared to be.

"I air it once a week," said Mrs. Cronch. "Its turn's to-morrow. No use openin' them shutters, they're heavy. There's light enough in here."

She opened the door of what was evidently a charming room, although there, too, the covers were over everything. The upper part of the windows were arched, and as the arches remained unshuttered, there was enough light in the room to see by.

She drew the curtains at the head of the bed apart. They ran easily, with a rattling noise on the rods. They were so full and abundant that any division in them might easily go unsuspected.

There was the wall and an arched recess. A picture hung on the wall done in beadwork, representing a rather terrifying old man.

"The Prophet Moses" is wrote on it in beads, 1780 the date," said Mrs. Cronch, dropping off her shoes and clambering with a groan on to the bed. Beata looked on mystified. Mrs. Cronch lifted the beadwork picture. Behind it showed a little door. There was a safe sunk in the wall.

(To be continued.)

LADY AVIATOR IN RANGOON.

FORCED LANDING IN PADDY FIELD.

"RED ROSE" MISHAP.

Rangoon, Dec. 23.

The "Moth" aeroplane in which Mrs. Keith Miller and Captain Lancaster are making a leisurely flight to Australia in order to prove the capabilities of a light aeroplane, had a forced landing yesterday afternoon, about 1.15 p.m., in a paddy field about three miles behind Dawbong and about midway on the spit that lies between the Pazundaung Creek and the Pegu River.

Both Mrs. Miller and Captain Lancaster were unharmed and the plane was so little damaged that it is expected she will be able to leave again in a day or two.

Waiting Crowd.

From an early hour a number of people awaited their arrival at the Kyauksan Race Course as it was not known at what time the aviators would leave Akyab.

Then came the news that they had left Akyab at 8.30 a.m. which meant they would reach Rangoon between 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

About 11 a.m. Captain Durward of the Imperial Airways Limited turned up with a telegram which stated that the "Red Rose" had left Akyab at 8.15 a.m. and that the speed was from 60 to 70 miles an hour.

With a favourable breeze this meant she would reach Rangoon about 2 p.m. No anxiety was felt until 2.30 p.m. when Capt. Durward received a "phone message" saying that the "Red Rose" had landed near Pegu Point.

Leaving one of his staff at Kyauksan in case the aviators should come on later, Capt. Durward came on later, Capt. Durward just about to leave for Pegu Point when a second message arrived stating that the "Red Rose" had come down near Dawbong and could not come on. The whole party including the members of the press immediately left for Dawbong.

Downcast Aviators.

On arrival there it took a little time to locate the machine but eventually a guide was obtained who took the party to the spot. The "Red Rose" was found lying in a paddy field a considerable distance behind the Government Dockyard, looking little the worse for her adventure.

Both Mrs. Miller and Captain Lancaster, somewhat downcast but uninjured were met making their way towards the shores of the Pazundaung Creek.

It was then learnt that Mrs. Miller and Captain Lancaster had been compelled to make a forced landing owing to engine trouble.

As soon as the plane landed a crowd of people from the village and neighbouring works streamed to the spot.

Story of the Flight.

Captain Lancaster interviewed stated that they had had a splendid flight all the way from Calcutta. After crossing the Arakan Yomas they came to the river and followed its course to the mouth and then coming round the coast were making for Rangoon when, while coming up the river and just as they sighted the city something went wrong with the piston rod. They were then at a height of 2,000 feet. Capt. Lancaster kept on as long as he could, but finding it too dangerous to continue, cut across the land and came down as stated.

A perfect landing saved them from harm and the plane from serious injury though at one time he felt sure they were going to crash. The landing was actually made in a field in which the paddy had already been cut and the stalks served as a cushion which saved the plane from being damaged to any considerable extent.

Mrs. Miller said they were lucky to get as far as they did and Capt. Lancaster said that had he been higher he might have reached Kyauksan, but on the other hand had he been 1,000 feet lower he would never have reached land at all but would have fallen into the sea.

How narrow their escape was may be understood when it is realised that in the vicinity were railway lines, deep, narrow kyaungs (brooks) and while in some fields the paddy was cut in others it was not. There was also the chance that they would run into one of the kazaes (small bunds) with which the fields are marked off.

[Since this mishap, the "Red Rose" has come to grief whilst taking off at Muntok, Dutch East Indies, for Batavia, and the flight to Australia may be abandoned].

Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A., the Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes at the Vernacular Middle School, on Monday, January 15, at 11.30 a.m.

GAP ROAD SCHOOL.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED THIS MORNING.

Mr. E. Ralphs distributed prizes at the Gap Road School this morning, and in a short speech dwelt on the necessity of cultivating good manners both in the school itself and outside.

The Headmaster, Mr. Lo Yuk-lun, read the following annual report:—The school was opened on 229 days as against 227 for 1926. The maximum number of scholars for the year under review was 143, a decrease of 7 from that of the previous year and the average attendance stood at 132, being slightly under that for 1926 which was 140. During the year the attendance has been very good, especially since the inauguration of the Best Attendance Banner in October. It is a matter of regret that owing to the fact that there was only one division of Class 8, quite a number of applicants for admission had to be refused.

Almost the whole staff of the school remained the same throughout the year; the exception being that Mr. Leung Fung-tion, who resigned early in January, and whose place was taken by Mr. Lau Pui-ki, appointed in the month of March. The general tone and discipline have been very well maintained. The boys are well-mannered and easily controlled. The Prefects deserve commendation for their valuable assistance in the maintenance of order. On the whole, the health of the school has been very good.

Our thanks are due to Dr. E. M. Minnett, Medical Officer for Schools, for having carefully inspected the school twice during the year and for her kindness in preparing and furnishing useful hygiene notes for Class lessons. The result of her inspection was that 8 boys were ordered to be provided with glasses to preserve their sight. In addition only a few cases of minor ailments were sent to Dr. K. T. Ho at the Eastern Public Dispensary for treatment, to whom we tender our thanks.

The results of the annual examination have been highly satisfactory, 129 passing out of 132 presented. The percentage of passes was nearly 98 as against 90 for that of the previous year.

I am glad to mention that our past pupils at Wai Tsai School have been able to maintain their high position in the recent examination. Fung Chun Hong, our 1925 Free Scholar to Wai Tsai School, succeeded in heading the list in Class 4, carrying off a Scholarship to Queen's College for 3 years. Two of our top boys, Chan Kai Wa at Queen's College and Yan Shu Fan at St. Joseph's College, are among the successful candidates in the recent Matriculation Examination at Hongkong University.

In spite of the lack of a adequate playground the boys have been most active in sports. During the cold months they played football whenever any ground within the Race Course was available. Ping Pong has been their most favourite indoor game. Swimming parties by launch were regularly held in summer. Mr. Leung Yuk Tong has rendered valuable services as a sportsmaster and he has been responsible for the physical drill of the whole school.

The prize list was as follows:

English.
6A.—1, Chan Fuk-tim; 2, Li Kwan-hung; 3, Lau Cheuk-kwan.
6B.—1, Mak Kiu-fan; 2, Tang Kwok-leung; 3, Kam Kwing-hang.
7A.—1, Leung Wing-kwong; 2, Ng Yuk-kwai; 3, Chu Shiu-lun.
7B.—1, Koo Shau-lai; 2, Tam Kwong-yan; 3, Yung Shiu-pun.
8.—1, Heung Yu-nan; 2, Cheung King-ho; 3, Wong Pak-kwong.

Vernacular.
6A.—1, Chan Tuk-tim; 2, Lau Cheuk-kwan.
6B.—1, Mak Kiu-fan; 2, Li Yuk-tim.
7A.—1, Ng Yuk-kwai; 2, Chu Yun-shum.
7B.—1, Kong Shau-lai; 2, Tam Kwong-yan.
8.—1, Wong Wing-kan; 2, Wong Pak-kwong; 3, Mak Hong-ling.

Special Prizes.—Good Conduct, Lai Yu-on; Map Drawing, Chan Fuk-tim.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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TO-DAY'S WEDDINGS.

TWO INTERESTING FUNCTIONS.

The wedding took place this morning of the Rev. C. B. Shann, of St. John's Hall and of St. Stephen's College (son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. Shann, of Eccup, Leeds), and Miss Mabel Dewing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dewing, of Reepham, Norfolk.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. Jenkins. The bride, who wore a dress of peach coloured georgette with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of cream roses and chrysanthemums, was given away by Miss Sawyer, who wore a dress of blue crepe-de-chine. Mrs. J. S. Brown acted as Matron of Honour, her dress being of old rose crepe-de-chine. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. H. G. Hughes, while Miss McGill presided at the organ.

Following the ceremony, the newly-married pair left for Rangoon where the honeymoon is being spent.

Last evening a largely attended reception was held in the lounge at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, when over 200 people gathered to express their good wishes.

Those present included Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Dr. B. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Dr. T. W. Pearce, the Rev. W. Cannell, G. F. Stopford, W. T. Featherstone, J. Horace Johnston, and P. Jenkins (Canton). Mr. F. A. Redmond, Mr. W. J. Hinton, Mr. W. Faid and Mr. R. K. M. Simpson, (University), Mr. J. F. Grose, and Miss K. Wap.

Pentecost-Gubbins.

At St. John's Cathedral this afternoon will be a large attendance of friends to witness the wedding of Mr. F. H. Pentecost.

FLYING TRAGEDY.



Lieut. Oscar Omdal, the Swedish airman, who has been lost in the "Dawn", the Sikorsky amphibian plane, with Mrs. Frances Grayson. They attempted to fly the Atlantic to Copenhagen.

of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, (son of the Rev. F. J. Pentecost, B.A., and Mrs. Pentecost) to Miss Una McLean Gubbins (daughter of Mr. J. H. Gubbins, C.M.G., and the late Mrs. Gubbins).

The bride, who will wear an ivory georgette picture frock, with chiffon and velvet train and old Mechlin lace veil, is to be given away by Dr. Isaac Newton. She will carry a sheaf of bronze chrysanthemums. Her three bridesmaids will be Miss Doreen Hynes, Miss Ann Cooke and Miss Elizabeth Newton and they will wear blue satin frocks in Kate Greenaway style, and carry bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. W. R. Cannell, and Mr. J. H. Ramsay will carry out the duties of best man. Mr. F. Mason, organist, will play the incidental music.

Following the ceremony, a reception is to be held at St. John's Place. Later in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Pentecost were to leave for Repulse Bay, the bride's going-away frock being of red georgette, with black hat.

NANKING PARLEY.

A QUORUM ASSURED.

Shanghai, Jan. 11.

A further six members of the Central Executive Committee left for Nanking this evening, giving the requisite quorum for the fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang. Wu Han-min and Wu Taz-wei steadfastly refuse to participate.

A half cents per entry and to appoint the Government Council yesterday morning agreed to the proposal to re-organise the Han Yeh Ping Company and also to retain Pei Chung-hsi as garrison commander of Shanghai, as the nomination of Chang Chun is meeting with strong opposition. It is also agreed to impose an additional salt tax of one and

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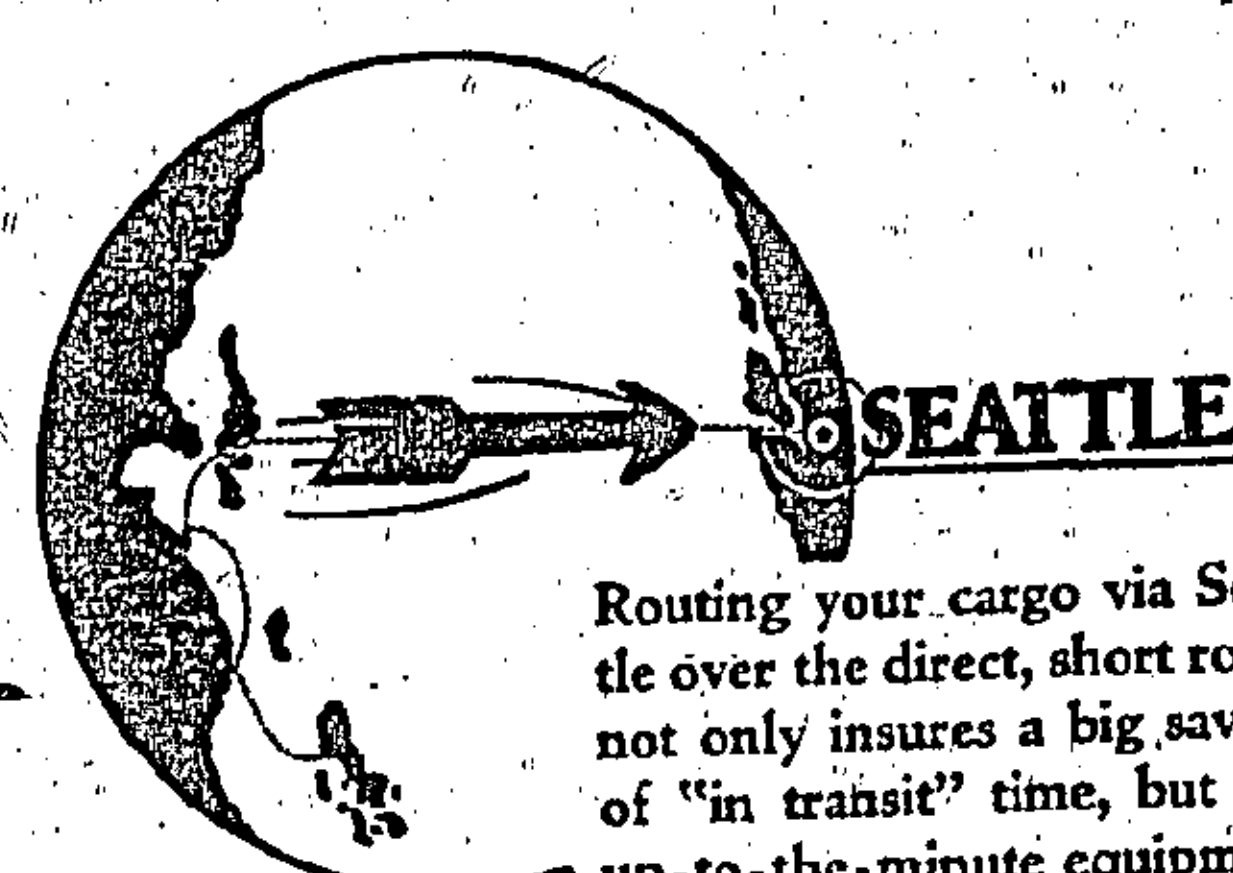
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EDUCATIONAL WORK IS
 EXTOLLED.

Yesterday afternoon a social meeting for the Y.W.C.A. educational classes was held at the Association Building on No. 127 China Road.

The following programme was rendered:
 Chairman's Remarks, Mrs. N. S. Choy, Chairman of educational committee.

Piano solo by Lee Wai-kwan.
 Demonstration of First Aid by the First Aid Class.

Story by the English and Mandarin Classes.

Demonstration of Home Nursing by the Home Nursing Class.

Piano solo by Miss Daisy Ma.

Presentation of Certificates by Mr. E. Ralphs.

Announcements by Lee Tuen I.

Short Story by the Chinese Class.

The National Anthem.

Before Mr. Ralphs presented the certificates, he gave a short talk in which he greatly emphasized the value to the home of the type of educational work which is being done in the Y.W.C.A.

He congratulated the girls in the First Aid and Home Nursing classes, who took part in the demonstrations, for their good work.

He stated that he is very glad that the Association has organized a new Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

He feels that girls who become members of such a Division, put themselves in a position to serve the community as well as the home.

Forty-one certificates were presented, twenty-four for First Aid, twelve for Home Nursing and five for third year First Aid.

At the close of the programme, refreshments which had been prepared by members of the Chinese and Foreign Cooking Classes were served and seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the guests.

About one hundred and twenty people were present.

SINGAPORE "WAR."

GAOL FOR A CHINESE
 GUNMAN.

Arrested by a detective sergeant after being seen with a revolver in his possession, a Chinese was produced before the District Judge at Singapore. Actually, the accused did not have the revolver on his person when caught, because when running away from the police, he passed the buildings of the New Singapore Ice Works, Sungei Road, and threw the revolver into a window. It was recovered later by the detective and a Malay engineer employed at the works, who stated in evidence before the court that when he heard the revolver drop to the floor, he thought something had gone wrong with the machinery.

The revolver had been converted to take bullets of a different calibre to the type it was originally made for. Apparently the accused only had automatic pistol ammunition available and he therefore lined the chambers of the revolver with metal to take the automatic ammunition.

Police evidence was to the effect that detectives proceeded to the junction of Queen Street and Arab Street, where they saw four or five Chinese fighting. Two persons were arrested. They then proceeded to the Sungei Road vicinity and were searching suspected persons on the street when the accused was noticed running away. He was chased and, as above described, threw his revolver into a window.

On the accused being found guilty, Mr. Meredith, Chief Inspector (Courts), said that the detectives were sent out on the receipt of information that a big fight between rival gangs of Chinese was about to take place. The societies concerned were the Ghee Hap and the Ghee Chuan Seng.

Sentence of three years' rigorous imprisonment and twenty strokes of the rattan was passed on the accused, who stated that he did not know why he was arrested and denied having had a revolver in his possession.

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The Hongkong architects, Messrs. Palmer & Turner, executed the plans for the remodelled hotel, and most of the decoration was entrusted to Messrs. Lang Crawford, Ltd., of Hongkong. No expense has been spared, and the installations, including individual baths for each room, are among the modern equipment fitted in.

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On the ground floor are situated a lounge and the dining room, both fitted out with the latest conveniences, and furniture of the latest design. In the lobby the chairs are of Italian origin. One room which will be of interest to visitors is the Oriental Room, finished in lacquer and furnished in blackwood, and decorated with rare Chinese curios.

The rates in this hotel will compare favourably with any similarly equipped hotel in the East, and an orchestra for dinner and tea dances has been engaged from Manila—Macao Bureau of Information and Publicity.

PLOT FRUSTRATED.

ALLEGED HIGHWAYMEN
 UNDER ARREST.

Information that two highway robbers were awaiting him on the road in the vicinity of the office of the Texas Oil Company at Kwai-chung, New Territories, reached a Chinese foreman who was about to leave on Tuesday with money to pay the wages of the workers. The foreman told Mr. Y. Abbas of the company the story and the Police at Chin Wan were informed.

Later, one foreign and two Chinese detectives and one Indian Policeman arrived at the Texas Company to protect the foreman and to try to trap the robbers.

Leaving the office with the Police and Mr. Y. Abbas closely following him the foreman started out. In the road nearby two characters were seen loitering and they saw that some foreigners were accompanying the foreman they realised that their plan has been frustrated and took to their heels, pursued by the Police. One was caught by Mr. Y. Abbas while the other was captured by the Police.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

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 LAST MONTH.

Dun's index number of wholesale prices for the United States on January 1 was 192.849, which is 0.3 per cent. below December 1, 2.7 per cent. above last year and 61.1 per cent. above pre-war.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The Commissioner, Captain Jose Guerreiro de Andrade. The President of the Municipal Council, Mr. Damiao Rodrigues, also spoke. Captain Andrade, on behalf of the Macao Police, replied suitably.

Under command of Captain Frederico Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, Chief of the Police Services, the police then marched away with the new colours, to the accompaniment of marches played by the Macao Constabulary Band. The flag which is made of silk is heavily embroidered in gold brocade, the work of the Sisters of the Conception Institute at Macao.—*Macao Bureau of Information and*

MACAO POLICE.

MARK OF APPRECIATION OF
 THEIR SERVICES.

A ceremony of exceptional interest took place at Macao on New Year's Day, in the morning. A flag, as colours for the force, was blessed and handed to the Macao Police Force from a number of persons and Macao business establishments as a mark of appreciation for the splendid record of service rendered by that fine body of men for many years. It is noteworthy that since the force was brought up to its present state of efficiency, some years ago, there has been practically a complete absence of serious crime.

The ceremony of blessing the colours was carried out by His Lordship Dom Jose da Costa Nunes, Bishop of Macao, after which the flag was handed to the Commissioner of the Macao Police Force by His Excellency the Governor, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, who addressed a few congratulatory words to

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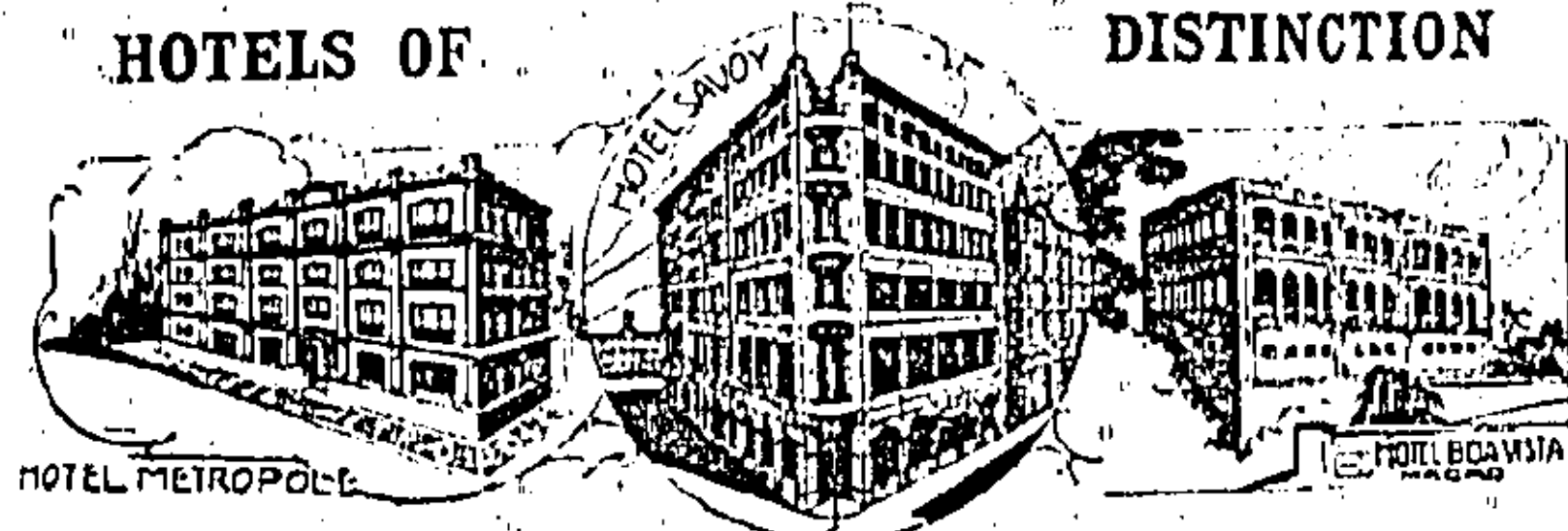
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AVIATORS WHOSE MACHINE CRASHED.



Above are seen Captain W. N. Lancaster and Mrs. Keith Miller, with their machine, "Red Rose," which crashed on Tuesday when taking off at Muntok, Dutch East Indies, for Batavia. Both were slightly injured and the machine so badly damaged that the flight to Australia, on which they were engaged, may have to be abandoned.

STOLEN MOTORCAR MASCOT.

WOMAN HAWKER FINED FOR RECEIVING.

Mr. W. J. Smith appeared as complainant against two hawkers before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the defendants being charged with unlawfully receiving a motor car mascot valued at \$25, knowing the same to have been stolen.

The first defendant, a woman, said she purchased the article about six months ago from a small boy. It was later sold to the complainant's driver for \$1.

The second defendant, husband of the first defendant, said that he was away from the stall when the mascot was bought.

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Marks said that there was no direct evidence against the defendants except that it was bought from a small boy, who could not have obtained such an article lawfully.

His Worship said that there was nothing against the man who was accordingly discharged.

"Asked how she thought a small boy could have come into possession of such a mascot, the defendant replied that she made no enquiries from the boy.

The defendant was convicted and fined \$15, and also ordered to repay the complainant's driver the dollar he had paid for the mascot.

COMMISSION DUE.

CLAIM IN THE SUMMARY COURT.

A claim for \$733 being the balance of wages due, and commission at 15 per cent, in respect of services rendered and business introduced was made at the Summary Court this morning by 1p Kam-chong against the Wong Fat Firm, 110 Queen's Road West.

Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. E. Nash for the defendant firm. Mr. Owen said the defendants were an engineering firm and had a verbal agreement with the plaintiff that he should be paid commission at the rate of 15 per cent, on business introduced by him. He claimed that \$733 was owing to him in connection with business secured from various Chinese ships. The case would be difficult to prove owing to the fact that some of the ships were not in port.

Mr. Nash admitted the verbal agreement and commission and agreed to five of the items on the claim but did not admit that the sums mentioned had been received.

The Judge gave judgment for the defendants for one of the sums claimed, the case in respect of the others being adjourned.

STEALING BRICKS.

CONSTRUCTION OF FISH POND.

A Chinese male and female appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of unlawfully stealing 250 bricks from No. 120, Kowloon Tong, and, alternatively, with receiving the bricks knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The woman admitted the first charge and accepted responsibility. The man, when questioned, said

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS AT RANGOON.

EARLY MORNING SCENES OF EXCITEMENT.

WORST FOR YEARS.

Rangoon, Dec. 17.

Rangoon was startled by one of the severest earthquake shocks it has experienced for many years early this morning.

Scenes of excitement were witnessed in some quarters where the populace rushed into the streets in alarm. Occurring as it did about 2.30 a.m. most people were asleep, but so violent was the shock that few remained undisturbed. The effect was felt worst in bungalows and such wooden structures where the noise of creaking wood and the rattling of pictures and crockery produced the sensation of being in the carriage of an express train.

Terrible Experience.

The roof of house No. 195, 27th Street felt on to the road with a crash, tearing away a gutter pipe in its descent. At the Mogul Guard some of the Sergeants' quarters had cracks in the walls and plaster dislodged while in the servants' quarters a whole line of bricks was dislodged and fell on to the verandah.

Those living in the Scott Market say the experience was terrible. The girders were heard grinding together in such a manner that it seemed certain that part at least must fall. Many private houses had cracks in the walls and plaster dislodged, but the big buildings seem to have escaped injury. Some state the shock was preceded by a peculiar rattling or hissing sound which ended in an explosion. One lady says she saw a light travelling through the air, and then heard an explosion.

Lights were to be seen switched on in practically every house and it was sometime before the occupants were sufficiently calmed to return to their beds.

The disturbance which lasted about eight seconds was preceded by three shocks of minor intensity but which none the less were distinctly felt and each was accompanied by a slight noise.

A Meteorite?

The Indian population were thrown into a state of excitement this morning by the appearance of a large white object in the sky.

It was stationary and resembled a star. The appearance of this phenomena immediately after the earthquake shock has given rise to all sorts of rumours among the Indians. The "phenomenon" was probably a meteorite.

that he made use of the bricks but was not aware that they had been stolen although the woman had previously suggested taking some from No. 120, Kowloon Tong. He had told her not to touch them.

The woman was seen carrying a number of bricks to No. 31, Kowloon Tong where the defendants were engaged in constructing a fish pond. It was found that a large number of bricks belonging to the Kowloon Tong Development Company had already been used.

The first defendant was fined \$25 or three weeks' imprisonment on the larceny charge and the man was convicted of receiving stolen property, a fine of \$15 being imposed.

LETTERS FROM PRIVATE BOXES.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH THEFT.

A Chinese, who appeared to be of the coolie class, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with stealing letters from private letter boxes at the Post Office. He was also charged with attempting to obtain money by false documents.

With regard to the first charge, Sergeant Whant, prosecuting, said he had seen the Post Office officials, who indicated that they were not in a position to prosecute, as the matter did not directly concern them, since the theft did not occur whilst the letters were in the custody of the Post Office.

In regard to the second charge, Sergeant Whant said it was believed that the defendant stole letters addressed to people in the interior of China. These letters are generally sent to addresses in Hongkong, where they are re-forwarded. It was alleged that the defendant stole such letters, and, using the envelopes, substituted another letter which would beg for money from relatives outside of China. He would then present himself with the letter to the addresses and obtain money.

Sergeant Whant indicated that he would call witnesses from the country to support the second charge, and asked his Worship for a remand.

The case was fixed for hearing on Monday morning.

SPURIOUS COINS

INTENDED FOR USE IN MACAO.

A raid carried out at No. 242, Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo, yesterday resulted in Police discovery of a quantity of spurious Hongkong ten-cent pieces. The occupier, an elderly Chinese was taken into custody and at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning a charge of possession of 525 counterfeit coins was preferred against him.

The defendant, in answer to the charge, said that he did not intend to utter the coins in Hongkong. He intended to take them to Macao where he would use them. He had been given them by a man in Hongkong.

His Worship remarked that the Police might endeavour to find this man and remanded the defendant for 48 hours.

WUHU BOYCOTT.

MAY AFFECT SHIPPING.

Wuhu, Jan. 11.

It is likely that the movement for the boycotting of British goods will interfere with the shipping business. The present position is by no means satisfactory—Naval Wireless.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The Tennessee (American Navy). 2. At midnight on New Year's Eve. 3. A forced gift to the eschequer in Henry VII's reign, demanded from the rich because their wealth was manifest and from others because their plain ways of living must have resulted in large savings. 4. To London Bridge; tide reaches to Teddington Lock (Teddington—Tide-end town). 5. New Zealand. 6. Egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, perfect insect. 7. Six months. 8. The Himalayas, in the north of India. 9. St. Stephen (December 23); St. John the Evangelist (December 27); Holy Innocents (December 28). 10. An abbaton. 11. The largest diamond belonging to the British Crown. 12. Table of the host.



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